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I live In Gladys Avenue and wish to object to this DA.

Gladys was once a quiet, leafy street, great for children and local wildlife, the coming of the hospital has made it a difficult street to live in.

Like other nearby streets on both sides of Warringah Road, Gladys Avenue has long been badly impacted by overflow parking from the NB Hospital where the staff carpark is full by 9am on weekdays (note there are only around 20 legal street parking spots in Gladys) plus several houses being occupied by multiple renters. Visitors to the hospital also park in Gladys to avoid parking fees, Council Ranger records will support the level of illegal parking detected in the street. It is very difficult for visitors, trades and deliveries to attend our homes.

The street is too narrow even for the single sided parking permitted, and contains a sharp bend, this is made worse by illegal parking and the problems associated bin collection. There are no paths and the street is poorly lit at night. Trees and mud from vehicles parking up block parts of the sidewalk forcing pedestrians onto the road. The traffic lights often restrict entry to and exit from the street. The street needs to be widened, have footpaths and lighting and any development must provide adequate parking (i.e. 2 plus per residence).

Any new works will create an unbearable situation with the destruction of trees, workers needing parking, plus noise, dust and movement of trucks and heavy equipment. I am aware of already approved DAs at #8 & #16, with #12/#14 under consideration. How are residents supposed to function with so much activity ?

After much hype and developer interest early in the hospital process now most residents are unsure about investing in the street or how to exit. What is needed is not ad hoc development (this one bizarrely leaves out #3), but a wholistic plan for the area between Skyline and Forestway with zoning and planning to facilitate the desired surrounds for the hospital and wider community. The hospital, roads and tunnels have been built, but little else.

Thankyou for your consideration.

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