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Dear Lisa

**Proposed Extension of Operating Hours
Existing Child Care Centre
2 Clarence Avenue, Dee Why**

The existing Child Care Centre which is incorporated into the Dee Why RSL Club complex is operated independently and the current consent provides for the hours of operation of 7.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday. It is proposed to submit an application to Council to permit operation on Saturdays between 7.00am and 6.30pm.

The existing consent provides for:

- up to 90 children
- 13 staff
- 23 parking spaces designated within the RSL Club carpark

Features of the existing attendance at centre are:

- a significant proportion of children and staff live in the apartment buildings nearby and walk to/from the centre with their parent/carer
- some 50% of children attending also have siblings enrolled
- Club staff who park at the Club also have children enrolled
- almost 100% of children and staff reside within 1 km of the centre

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The consequence of these circumstances is that the parking demands and traffic generation factors are mitigated significantly and the experience is that a maximum of only 12-14 parked cars are ever at present.

With the proposed extension of hours the same quantum of parking spaces will be made available by the Club. However at this stage it is anticipated that the proposed Saturday operation will:

- attract somewhat less children than the weekday
- children will generally attend for shorter hours

The implications of the envisaged extended hours are:

- the traffic movements in the area during the Child Care Centre setdown and pickup times will be less than the weekday morning and afternoon times
- the parking demands in the Club and on the adjacent streets will be no greater than during say the Friday afternoon/early evening period

It is also apparent that the peak parking and traffic movements generated by the Club activities on Saturdays occurs after 6.30pm.

It is my assessment that the proposal to extend the hours of operation of the Child Care Centre to include 7.00am to 6.30pm on Saturdays will not have any adverse traffic or parking consequences. I would suggest that the demand for carparking on Saturdays be monitored and that the parking provision by the Club be "tailored" to reflect the demand outcome.

Yours faithfully



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