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RE: DA2019/0123 - 80 - 82 Mona Vale Road MONA VALE NSW 2103

I have been a regular visitor to the French's Forest market for many years. I was devastated to know they were closing down but delighted when I heard they were opening in Mona Vale. We (my family) and I are moving to the northern beaches later this year. I am a strong strong supporter of this market, it provides wonderful opportunities for shoppers and seller s alike , plus it has such an amazing community buzz. I love the way people chat and you get to know so many other regulars. I have never had a negative experience in all these years (I think I first started going way back in 1996(?) when Elizabeth and Stephen first began it. There is nowhere like it and it would be a huge loss to the community if it was not allowed. We NEED farmers markets for so many reasons - not least the combatting of loneliness (the sense of community they create) and the opportunity to buy from small business people who provide unique products. I also like buying from the farmers directly - the food is better, fresher, and often so much cheaper. Please approve this - it will benefit far far more people than it will inconvenience a few for a very few hours each week. Thank you, Susannah