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RE: DA2024/1303 - 11 / 0 Melwood Avenue FORESTVILLE NSW 2087

I was really engaged and interested when I first heard about the redevelopment of the RSL, however disappointed with the submission for similar reasons to others.

I have not lived my life in this area, but have chosen to live here with my young and growing family and in the 5 years I have lived here, I've noticed the community changing rapidly. Yes, it remains a community serving young and old but the shift is great and I don't see that this plan adequately reflects that change.

- Unisex bathrooms x2. Unnecessary and not preferenced in multi generational venues for various reasons, safety included, which is important in a family area.
- I have not sighted a parents room, this may be my oversight but if there isn't one, then it should be concluded that those working on this proposal weren't considering all of the users of this venue appropriately.
- General space for dining both indoor and outdoor doesn't seem to be commensurate with current, and often times it is very difficult to find a table, particularly where you have children and there are areas of the current club they cannot access due to licensing. So losing more space seems to be another oversight. Meanwhile, you're adding in a large volume of apartments and therefore more patrons for dining.

As many have mentioned, the size of the gaming area is where the space has gone. I have been in the current gaming area and it doesn't seem to me that more space is required from a user standpoint.

Is that the community we want to be? Is that the decision the board wants to make and message they want to send? Losing space for the changing community, in lieu of a larger gaming area to service the apartments?

Commercially some decisions must be made or we may not have the club at all, I understand that, but there must be a better way to engage with the community that use the current format.

If we just consider the current proposal that largely moves away from the multi generational format that is currently used and loved by our community, then our community will be at a loss.

