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Subject: DA 2020/1233 - Applicant Mount Pritchard & District Community Club Ltd.

Dear Sirs,

We refer to the above subject, and strongly object to this DA. When Mounties decided to build this retirement village they also took on the responsibilities and obligations of managing it according to the guidelines they supplied to us at the time of purchase. This DA fails on all counts for the following reasons.

1. Why do Mounties want to create another public Bowling Club? They own the Manly Bowling Club, and currently (pre Covid) supply a courtesy bus for a number of village residents. Why not encourage Diggers Club members to do the same?
2. We strongly object to approving a Liquor Licence for the bowling green which is alongside the retirement village area. Issues such as privacy, security, noise and others will come into play.
3. If approved, our properties will devalue. Who in their right mind would spend a lot of money (some over \$4 million) for a retirement home, at a time when the operators plan on turning the garden areas over to the public.
4. The professional reports attached to the DA are flawed and contradict each other. One says barefoot bowls is NOT allowed, but the other says YES. The introduction of barefoot bowls and alcohol will be a disaster for the retirement village.
5. Once again the Mounties have misled – We purchased on the understanding the current bowling green would be used only 2 days a week, and only by members of the Diggers Bowling Club. Now they propose 6 days a week, and open to ALL club members. To support how they operate, when we purchased we were misled regarding the current beer garden which accommodates up to 300 people (pre Covid). We were told this area would be gardens, and were forced to eventually make a complaint to the Liquor and Gaming Board. This dispute is still ongoing.
6. When we purchased we were supplied with a set of rules, based on the Retirement Villages Act such as noise issues and respect to our neighbours, (which includes the Diggers Club). The Mounties are bound by the same rules, but seem to be ignoring them.

Conclusion.

There is not one retirement village in Australia where the operators would create a PUBLIC bowling green and liquor licence within the same grounds. When we purchased Mounties promoted a vision of a quiet and comfortable place to retire. Instead the Mounties have shown little respect and understanding, and this DA should be rejected.

Regards

Jim & Sue Macdonald.

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