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RE: DA2020/1233 - 68 - 90 Evans Street FRESHWATER NSW 2096

Objection to DA2020/1233 in Evans Street
I object vehemently to the proposed development

The overarching issue is whether or not it is compatible to have a Club and an over 55's residential community on the same site. This development was and continues to be an experiment for the developer, Mounties. Everyone in the Watermark community wants this experiment to be a success and a model for how the older generation can remain connected to a broader community and maintain physical, social and mental health.

One of the most important contributors to physical, social and mental well being for older people, many of whom live alone, is easy access to nature as well as spaces to mingle informally with others. This is usually provided in communities for older people by having extensive outdoor areas of trees, lawns, gardens. Here at Watermark there is very little outdoor space for social recreation. If the lawn is turned into a commercial Bowling club this will be a huge detriment to the Watermark community in terms of social, mental and physical well being.

It is the only grass in the whole complex. It is currently used by residents with their grandchildren and as a place to sit and enjoy the quiet outdoor natural surroundings with the possibility of a chat with a passing neighbour. There is absolutely nowhere else on the premises to do this.

While the average age of this community is still relatively young (around 70) many of us will live to be in our nineties and we won't be able to touch a piece of natural grass, sit outside in nature, or even know who is a resident and who is an outsider. We will be confined to our apartments and subjected to the noise of non-residents immediately outside.

How you would feel if someone built a bowling club in your front yard and left you with no space? I feel outraged. It is a huge and unacceptable intrusion and will be greatly detrimental to the well being of residents.

If this DA is accepted the model of how to combine a club with an over 55's residential community will have failed.

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