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RE: DA2024/1091 - 5 / 1 Careel Head Road AVALON BEACH NSW 2107

While I support to the update of a very tired shopping arcade, I object to this application on the following grounds:

Traffic - the traffic in the section of Barrenjoey Road may average out to those in the submission but during peak times - mornings, school times, weekends - the traffic is backed up from the roundabout in Avalon all the way past Careel Head Rd. Over 2kms worth! Turning right out of Careel Head Rd, or from the existing shopping arcade can take many minutes - only to be greatly exacerbated by the size of this development.

Safety - we just had the footpath installed/extended along Barrenjoey Rd to give more pedestrian access and safety but now want to increase traffic flow. The speeds in this stretch of road outside of the traffic congestion above are excessive, with hooning many evenings both on Barrenjoey Road and in the car park at Hitchcock Park. This footpath is a thoroughfare to the high school, and often has mothers/prams (likely more if attending childcare). Its a low rise footpath with minimal guttering.

Further when the footpath went in, I suggested both a roundabout and zebra crossing at the intersection of Careel Head Rd. A shopping arcade is only going to encourage more kids and teenagers to be darting across Barrenjoey Road near what is already a blind bend. There is no ability to cross safely from Hitchcock Park. Young adults accessing the new bottle shop with a park across from it is asking for trouble when we have already had numerous vandalism incidents in the park, by the bus stop, and to vehicles parked nearby.

Additivity - the existing development caters for local needs, is adequately sized, and has limited trading hours. A development of this scale is out fo character and provides little that is not already provided for within a 2km radius.

Alcohol Availability - next to a childcare centre, bus stops, a park and in an environmental zone. Is this really a good idea? Is it necessary as the needs are well catered for in the area already.

Simon Scott