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Hi Carly

Could you please place this email before the NBLPP as a submission on our behalf.

Dear Panel Members

We have previously been granted a consent to operate a market in the car park of Pittwater RSL in Mona Vale each Sunday accessing the site from 7 am and starting trading from 8:30 (among other conditions).

We have now applied for a start trading time of 8 am (Condition 7) and Council have no objection to this.

We are satisfied with the Council's recommendations generally save for those relating to Condition (10) which arose out of the idea of a trial period. The existing condition specifies the consent expires in 18 months from commencement of the market (which was 1 September 2019) unless within 13 months we apply to extend the expiry date to 5 years from commencement. Mod2020/0175 is the application requesting the expiry date be extended. Council is recommending an extension but it is extremely short considering the work and costs of repeated DAs (we estimate this DA has costs some \$5,000 to prepare and lodge).

The effect of the old DA was that the consent had an expiry date of 1 March 2021 unless we apply before 1 October 2020 and the new recommendation is that it expires 1 June 2021 unless we apply before 1 January 2021. This is only some three months.

We have many DAs for markets. Most are permanent but some are temporary. However, we have none where we are expected to undertake the work and expense of an application more often than three years. We would ask that the DA condition reads 'This consent expires three years after the date of the modification unless by no later than six months before that date the applicant lodges a modification to extend the expiry date an extra five years.'

These are difficult times made even more complex by having to operate as an essential service during the pandemic. We are a small business but some several hundred jobs depend on the continuation of the market. We have bent over backwards to ensure compliance with a number of tight conditions and even engaged sound engineers to try and ensure that we do not cause any unnecessary disturbance.

We hope you can help us create a sound basis for the market to continue and avoid constant re-applications.

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