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RE: DA2019/0229 - 18 / 99 Alfred Street NARRAWEENA NSW 2099

I would like to make a submission in support of this café. My wife and I are locals and we have been customers of the café for some years. I have read the other supporting submissions and agree with everything that has been said, but would also like to add our point of view. My wife has a chronic disease that requires treatment in hospital 3 times each week (for essentially half a day) which you can imagine is a fairly arduous road, both physically and emotionally - for both of us. This café is a place where we go to lift our spirits - we can meet friends, eat good nutritious food for a very reasonable price (which is very important for us), and have a pleasurable outing without thinking about my wife's medical condition. She is sometimes a little unwell and not able to walk too far, so this café is perfect in terms of locality and access, unlike the majority of cafes in Dee Why. I would suggest to you that there are a number of people who patronise this café who are not in a dissimilar situation - and I know this for a fact because I have spoken to them. As others have mentioned, this café is a place where people from the local community come together to enjoy themselves - from all walks of life and with various stories to tell. Some are lonely and can be assured of a friendly face - both from the owners and the patrons, and once again there are a few in that situation. I have no idea why there is an objection now when it has been operating (as a café) for I would think the best part of 15 years. Surely residents of the apartment block bought their properties in the knowledge that they are living above a café and next to other shops? It doesn't make a lot of sense to me. Please keep the café operating as it is - it's an important part of this community.