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RE: DA2025/0132 - 37 Roseberry Street BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

To Whom It May Concern,

As a local resident, I wish to express my strong objection to the proposed construction of a new McDonald's restaurant at 37 Roseberry Street, Balgowlah.

There are already three McDonald's locations within a 5km radius of the suggested site. Adding another outlet is excessive and unwarranted, particularly given the significant negative consequences it would have for our community's health, safety, and overall quality of life.

1. Public Health Concerns

Establishments such as McDonald's are widely recognised for encouraging poor eating habits, rising obesity, and chronic illnesses like diabetes and heart disease. Introducing another outlet in our neighbourhood-especially one so near schools and community sports grounds-will only increase access to unhealthy food options, counteracting initiatives aimed at promoting healthier lifestyles.

2. Effects on Children and Community Spaces

The proposed restaurant is situated alarmingly close to local sports fields and recreational areas frequented by children and families. These spaces are designed to foster physical activity and community spirit. Allowing a fast-food chain to operate nearby undermines these goals, encouraging unhealthy eating among youth, as well as increased littering and loitering.

3. Threat to Local Small Businesses

Our community is supported by a vibrant network of independent cafés, family-run restaurants, and local food vendors. Another large fast-food outlet would threaten their survival by drawing away customers and leveraging advantages that small businesses cannot compete with. This could lead to job losses and a less dynamic, less diverse local economy.

4. Traffic, Congestion, and Safety Issues

The area is already prone to heavy traffic, especially around school hours and during weekend sporting events. The construction phase will only add to congestion, noise, and safety hazards. Once open, the restaurant would generate significant additional vehicle traffic, including drive-through and delivery services, further straining our roads and posing risks to pedestrians and cyclists.

5. Social and Security Concerns

Fast-food outlets that remain open late can become focal points for anti-social behaviour, noise, and even criminal activity. This is a legitimate worry for residents living near the proposed site. Such venues often attract groups of loitering youths and may require extra police or council resources to address issues like vandalism or disturbances involving intoxicated individuals.

Conclusion

This proposed development offers little to no benefit for our community, while presenting serious risks to public health, social harmony, and the local economy. I respectfully request that the council reject this application and instead prioritise projects that truly enhance the long-term wellbeing and unity of our suburb.

Sincerely,
Frederic Chanut