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

Dear Nick

I am writing this submission in favour of the DA for the Bella Dolce Cafe. Although I don't understand the DA's description being 'Change of Use - Use of Premises as a cafe'. This shop has always been a cafe - it opened when the building was first built.

I have been a regular customer of the coffee shop since it very first opened its doors and was owned by Sandra. When it first opened myself and other NPS parents were delighted to have a place to go to catch up over a coffee after and/or before school pickup. A cafe was exactly what Narraweena needed.

The cafe has changed hands a couple of times but the current owners Sahara and Mick are a lovely, hard working couple that make the cafe a great place to visit. For me, cafes & restaurants that I frequent are not just about the food & coffee but are places where the owners are friendly, talk to & get to know their customers. This is one of those places.

These days I get a takeaway coffee on my way to work 6 days a week. Then several times a week return there either after work or before school pickup to catch up with friends over a coffee and a bite to eat. I would be absolutely devastated if Sahara & Mick were unable to continue to operate their business resulting from this DA application process.

I also read some complaints from a resident about the noise from the cafe etc but if you are going to buy/rent above shops you have to expect this. I personally wouldn't buy or rent above shops, restaurants etc. I am also pretty certain the cafe was there before the resident(s). Also with the complaint about cigarette smell, I live in a unit block (not above shops) but there are smokers living in the block and I too smell cigarette smoke at times.

I also hope that Sahara & Mick can continue to trade under their current hours of trading & not be restricted to a 7am start as the tradies and early start workers stopping to get their coffee and/or breakfast before they start their day is a big part of their business. I feel times are tough for businesses trying to survive these days and to restrict them to a 7am start would hurt their business.

Thank you for reading my submission,
Kathy Sippel