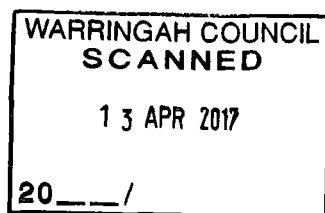


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The Administrator
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Attention: Adam Mitchell
Planning and Assessment Officer.

Re: - SUBMISSION ON MOUNTIES GROUP MOD 2017/0063

This major construction project, the largest in the history of Freshwater as a residential suburb, is understandably having a major impact on residential amenity, during its prolonged construction phase.

We understand that such major construction projects require much forbearance on the part of the community during this construction process. Equally, the construction company, Ganellen, has to be actively aware of, and demonstrate a willingness to be cognisant of the local community as to their amenity.

This modification application seeks to extend construction hours on Monday to Friday to 8pm and on Saturday until 4pm.

We were pleased when a previous Modification request in November 2016 was judiciously withdrawn after an outcry from the local community, most of whom live in close proximity or nearby to the site.

Since then there have been reports lodged with Council from local residents that detail construction work, on occasions, being undertaken outside the specified hours.

We are cognisant of the need for major construction projects to be built expeditiously, but there is a balance to be achieved between this objective and community amenity.



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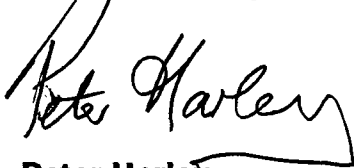
In the previous November 2016 Modification request, Council's Parks, Reserves and Foreshores recognised this reality with respect to Saturday work, and in its response did not approve the extension of time until 3pm given the widespread use of McKillop Park at weekends and the paucity of parking for the general community in this precinct. We strongly concurred with this assessment.

We also have considerable concern at consent approval is yet again being sought for the extension of midweek work hours until 8pm. This would mean that there will be considerable movement within and around the site at times when local residents are enjoying their meals or attempting to get children to sleep.

We would urge Council to restrict working hours to 6pm midweek and maintain the current approval for Saturday work. We would also urge strong compliance action to ensure adherence to these specifications.

We submit these comments again for your further consideration.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Harley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Harley
President
Friends of Freshwater Inc.
12 April 2017