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**Subject:** Objection REV2021/0045 (Lot 101 DP 1209504, 5 Skyline Place Frenchs Forest

To whom it may concern,

Objection **REV2021/0045** (Lot 101 DP 1209504, 5 Skyline Place Frenchs Forest

**Second Submission – please delete first submission made 12.38 pm today**

I am writing to object to the proposed additional development at the above address.

We live at 31 Bimbadeen Crescent, Frenchs Forest. Our property backs onto Frenchs Forest Road East, directly opposite 5 Skyline Place and The Jardin development.

Our family have lived in Frenchs Forest for 20 years and I would consider us to be long term residents. We have chosen to stay in this area due to its location, bush and community feel.

It would be fair to say that we know this area well, living, working and bringing up our two children here.

We have seen this suburb grow and change during this time - most recently the Northern Beaches Hospital build and road upgrades.

During this time, our family was relocated to a hotel more than 60 times. We were relocated to either Checkers Terry Hills or the Travelodge in Brookvale. Often, we were only given warning to pack. There were no kitchen facilities to make school lunches or dinner. Suffice to say, this was an appalling time for our family.

Due to the ongoing noise and disruption, I suffered a breakdown. The needs of the residents were not considered or cared for at all. We couldn't be at home – the place where we are meant to feel safe and secure. Can you imagine your family having to endure this kind of torment?

After all this, we then had to endure, in immediate succession, the building of the Warringah Rd underpass, enormous changes to the increased traffic flows outside our backdoor on Frenchs Forest Road East, the Forest Hotel redevelopment and building the Dan Murphy's bottle shop. And now, the Jardin apartment development across the road.

There is now an apartment building looming over our home. The residents will look directly into our kitchen, my daughter's bedroom and our garden. Where we once saw trees, we now see a building.

Saddest of all, we are unable to use our back yard now which was another living space for us. We hear the conversations of the workman so clearly we know what they did the previous night. The construction noise and passing trucks means we can't hear our conversations.

My stomach is turning, and my heart is beating faster just writing this as I recall what my family has been through since the commencement of the Northern Beaches Hospital build.

The noise starts at 7am each morning and at times is still going until 3am. One of my daughters is a shift worker and has to sleep at friend's houses during the day to get adequate rest so she can do her job.

My other daughter is studying for her HSC in this unfair environment. How can she compete with her peers who aren't living in such a disruptive environment? During Zoom sessions with teachers, they comment on the noise because it is so loud.

During COVID restrictions when working from home we had no respite. The noise was unbearable.

During The Jardin development our home has been covered in dust so thick. It has been so thick in the air, we were *chewing* on it. As Council's environment officers would be aware, if the dust is in your mouth, it is most certainly in your lungs.

When we blew our noses, the dust in the tissues was disgusting. The dust was penetrating inside our homes. We certainly couldn't be outdoors.

I am a beekeeper and supply honey to dozens of local homes. Sadly, my bees have had to seek food elsewhere because all the mature gum trees across the road were removed to make way for The Jardin development. There has also been a significant loss of nectar flow due to this massive loss to their environment.

I was told "*we are planting some lovely gardens in place of the trees*". I don't consider this as a swap for old, established gums that a home for our native birds, insects, reptiles and mammals.

Sadly, it's not just the humans who live in Frenchs Forest who have suffered terribly due to ongoing redevelopment in the area.

My point, our community has had their fair share of non-stop disruption, suffering for 7 long years!

Please don't subject us to more years of uncertainty and disruption by approving the expansion of The Jardin development. Let us settle and live our lives in a manner that we deserve. A manner that has been taken away from us time and time again.

Reading the Frenchs Forest Hospital Precinct Plan, low maintenance seniors housing has been set earmarked for inclusion in the proposal. This could be purchased by local over 55 residents who may want to downsize from their family home but remain within the community. We don't need The Jardin development to cater to the housing needs of older Frenchs Forest residents – the Frenchs Forest Hospital Precinct Plan does this.

Huge time and money has been injected into the Frenchs Forest Precinct Plan so I would assume that the over 55s demographic were taken into consideration by the Planning Committee during this process.

Additionally, if older residents don't think there is adequate over 55s housing available to them in the area, then why weren't they more vocal when community feedback was sought surrounding the Frenchs Forest Hospital Precinct Plan? They could have petitioned for more over 55s housing then!

And finally, if Northern Beaches Council and the State Government are in agreement that more over 55s housing is required in the area, then they should amend the Hospital Precinct Plan to cater to this demand.

Thank you for your consideration,

The Webb Clan of French Forest  
31 Bimbadeen Crescent, Frenchs Forest.