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RE: DA2019/1119 - 4 / 0 Bennett Street CURL CURL NSW 2096

Hello Mr Lane,

Along with my wife Holly, I am the owner of Room Two Ten, a cafe in Freshwater village. Yesterday, Holly sent you a submission in regards to DA 2019/1119. I would like to wholeheartedly agree with all the points that Holly has made and add the following;

In the past 2 years, the number of businesses that have closed in Freshwater village has been beyond belief. To list a few;

IGA

Bent Fork

Wild Ginger

Harbord Newsagency

Fast Fitness

Wonders Toystore

Lila & Huxley

Blaek

Bertie

Fresh Fox

Sushi Train

LHD organic

Harbord Bakery

On top of this, I know for a fact that at least 3 other long-standing businesses are set to close their doors imminently, though I don't feel it is my place to name these. Each time a business closes, not only is it a family that has committed their all suffering a major set-back in life, but it is also one less reason for people to come to the village.

My point in raising this is to highlight the fact that the surviving businesses are no doubt doing it tough, and from those that I have spoken to, are currently getting by solely on the trade over the weekends.

I totally believe that you are likely to receive many positive comments about how good the markets will be for Freshwater and their residents. The idea at face value seems great. I would be very surprised if these same residents would be as willing to have markets one morning a week if it meant losing a number of businesses run 7

days a week, by hard-working locals.

I may be wrong, but I am highly confident that this will be the fall-out from these markets should they go ahead. A stroll down Lawrence street just about any day during the week should attest to this.

As a life-long resident of the area, 'The Village' has been the heartbeat of this suburb, and while it is up against it at the moment, there is still hope that it will return to its glory days. Its why we hope that the businesses, along with the residents will be considered in this application.

Best Regards,

Steve Carroll
Lifetime resident & owner of Room Two Ten