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RE: DA2024/1303 - 11 / 0 Melwood Avenue FORESTVILLE NSW 2087

To Whom It May Concern,



I am taking the time to write an objection to Development Application DA2024/1303 concerning the proposed redevelopment of the Forestville RSL site.

While I recognise the need for change over time, this proposal significantly undermines the character and needs of the Forestville / Killarney Heights community. My key objections are as follows:

## Excessive Building Height - Breach of LEP

The proposed development exceeds the Northern Beaches LEP height limit by approximately 30%. It uses artificially raised ground (the bowling greens) to justify this height, which sets a dangerous precedent for overdevelopment in a low-rise, family-oriented suburb.

## Loss of Publicly Accessible Green Space

The RSL site has long served as a social and recreational hub, with open green space and bowling greens accessible to the community. No meaningful public replacement is proposed. This is not just a private club redevelopment-it impacts a shared civic asset.

## Traffic and Access Impacts

The proposal would significantly increase traffic in an already congested area, particularly around Melwood Avenue. No credible traffic study appears to address peak school hours or construction impact over multiple years.

## Inadequate Community and Member Consultation

I am concerned that such a major change-affecting the very identity of the RSL and its role in the community-has proceeded with minimal consultation of members or residents. Decisions of this scale should not rest solely with a small board.

For these reasons, I urge the Council to reject this application in its current form and require a full community and member consultation and a revised, lower-impact proposal.

Thank you