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RE: DA2019/0409 - 1113 / 752038 Oxford Falls Road FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086

Local Flooding

We are greatly concerned about any development of this area as it is a flood prone area. We have lived in our present home for over 30 years and in that time, we have seen many floods in Oxford Falls. At one time the whole valley floor was covered with water and Dreadnought Road was flooded from the Peace Park school house to the roundabout at Oxford Falls Road. We have also seen Oxford Falls Road blocked by landslides caused by rain. We consider any proposal to build a facility for people over 55 in this environment to be grossly inappropriate, having little regard for the elderly residents living there and even potentially dangerous.

Traffic

Since the development of Oxford Falls Grammar School and other local commercial businesses, the traffic congestion in the area during the morning peak times has rocketed. It is not uncommon for the traffic on Oxford Falls Road to be bumper to bumper and at a standstill from Dreadnought Road to Iris Street. The school is currently extending to provide more classrooms. This will also increase the traffic flow in the immediate area. Traffic in Iris street is already at a standstill during peak times. Long lines of traffic wait behind busses picking up passengers unable to get past due to the amount of oncoming traffic and on coming traffic having to pull over to the side of the road to let the busses by due to the road not being wide enough as there are parked cars on the road. The idea of potentially bringing further traffic 95 more cars per day into the area by means of this proposed development of 41 serviced independent units, seems ridiculous and an abuse of already overstretched resources and infrastructure.

Ecology

The area is also a catchment for Narrabeen Lagoon. We are concerned about the affect to native flora and fauna around the creek and Narrabeen Lagoon from pollution via the stormwater system, garden fertilizers and cleaning chemicals. Oxford Falls Grammar School has had to put into effect many costly systems to maintain the cleanliness and ecosystem of the creek that runs through their property. This same creek runs through the proposed development site.

In recent years we have also seen many native animals that inhabit the area, crossing Oxford Falls Road. These animals include echidnas, wallabies, emus and reptiles. The proposed development would not only remove part of their habitat but any attempt to pipe the creek would remove the natural water supply for the native animals, plants and birds of the area. In our opinion, this proposed development is not appropriate for the area. It will increase traffic into already overstretched roads. It is an area that is in danger from floods and bush fires potentially placing many people at risk. The proposed development will make changes to the landscape that will impact on the flora, fauna and ecology of the area and be detrimental to

natural water courses.

Yours Faithfully,

Geoffrey & Ann Broadbent