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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a concerned resident of Forestville to formally object to the proposed development application currently under consideration. While I support thoughtful growth and development in our community, this proposal is inappropriate in both scale and impact for our neighbourhood.

My objections are as follows:

1. Traffic Congestion and Safety:

The proposed development will significantly increase traffic volume in an area already experiencing congestion during peak hours. Local roads are not designed to accommodate the level of vehicular activity that such a large-scale development would generate, posing risks to both motorists and pedestrians, particularly children and the elderly.

2. Loss of Green Space and Amenity:

The project will result in a substantial reduction in public green space, which is vital for the physical and mental well-being of residents. Our area lacks sufficient parkland as it is, and the removal of established open space would have a lasting negative effect on community life and biodiversity.

3. Oversized Development in a Low-Density Area:

The scale and height of the proposed buildings are completely out of character with the existing neighbourhood, which is predominantly low-density residential. Approving this development would set a concerning precedent and permanently alter the area's unique suburban character.

4. Removal of the Cenotaph and Cultural Heritage:

I am particularly disturbed by the proposal to remove or relocate the local cenotaph. This monument holds deep historical and emotional significance for the community, serving as a place of remembrance and respect. Its removal would be deeply disrespectful to those it commemorates and to the generations who have gathered there for ANZAC and Remembrance Day services.

In light of these serious concerns, I respectfully urge the Council to reject this development application in its current form. I also request that the applicant be encouraged to consider a revised proposal that is better aligned with the needs, values, and identity of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.