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**RE: DA2020/1466 - 50 Starkey Street FORESTVILLE NSW 2087**

I object to DA2020/1466 lodged by the Sunnyfield Association, proposing the change of use from a dwelling house to a permanent group home under the provisions of the Affordable Rental Housing ARH 2009, for the following reasons -

It concerns me that a Group Homes clause includes -

"persons disadvantaged for reasons of alcohol or other drug dependence, extreme poverty, psychological disorder, delinquency or other disadvantage, and (ii) persons who, for reasons of domestic violence or upheaval, require protection."

While I agree that suitable housing needs to be made available for people with disabilities, I do not agree to have the change of use of the dwelling house at number 50 Starkey Street to a group home for people with alcohol, drug dependence, nor for people on parole for prison.

**Potential Social Issues:**

Should Sunnyfield decide to end their lease at this property, it is highly likely the property could then be used to house people with serious social issues stated above.

I am a near neighbour at 108 Cook Street, Forestville. For more than 20 years I had to contend with many serious social issues from the residents of the house opposite my home which involved noise, drugs, violence, and regular visits from Police, Ambulance and the Fire Brigade when the house was (allegedly) set on fire on two occasions. At least one member of this household went to prison. Thankfully, ownership of this property changed two years ago and I do not wish to repeat this experience.

**Oversupply of boarding house/group house dwellings:**

I also object to the proposed DA on grounds of oversupply of "boarding house/group house" dwellings in the near vicinity. A boarding house DA was approved last year, just one block away, at the corner of Starkey Street and Cannons Parade, and work is about to commence on building a large boarding house just a couple of streets away, at the corner of Darley Street and Violet Avenue, Forestville. Is Council bent on making this area a "dormitory" suburb?

**Safety, Traffic and Parking:**

The property at number 50 is at a very steep section of the Starkey Street hill. Traffic regularly exceeds the 50k speed limit up this steep hill, which already makes it unsafe for people entering or leaving vehicles at this section of road. After hours, parking is hard to find around the corner in Willandra Way.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed DA.

R. Loughnane  
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