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Dear Adam Croft, Council Development & Assessment Section

**My strong objection to DA2024/1303**

As a long-time Forestville RSL club member and past and future long-time resident of Forestville, I would like to register my strongest possible objection to this disgraceful DA. It is unwanted, unneeded, imposing, height breaching, and is hostile to the community and the environment. This DA It is an offensive affront to all residents of Forestville & Killarney Heights.

The current loved Forestville RSL club with its beautiful, expansive outside green area, where parents gather and children run around and play on the grass epitomises everything good and desirable about Forestville & Killarney Heights. It is the only large licenced family entertainment venue in the 2 suburbs. Whereas, this DA is repugnant to every aspect of life the community needs and wants.

The current loved club is still financially profitable despite management's massive waste of member monies on the unwanted DA. Moreover, the club's future financial wellbeing is assured by the community's huge and still growing family demographic which is now the club's main membership component. Thousands of local parents and children love and patronise this wonderful club because: THE CLUB IS JUST THE WAY IT CURRENTLY IS !!!

With a series of lies, club management have deceived members and the community to bulldoze this unwanted and family-unfriendly DA onto them. Lies such as:

1. That they are not disposing of club property, stating in writing (02 Oct'24) " we are not intending to dispose of any core property " - an absolute lie according to Section 41E of the Registered Clubs Act 1976 which defines the DA as almost the complete disposal of Forestville RSL's core property.
2. That they are being forced by RSL NSW to demolish the War Memorial in front of the club and that its demolishment has nothing to do with the DA - another absolute lie according to NSW RSL who say they have made no such demand nor would they ever make such a demand on any club and, that the War Memorial in front of the club is being demolished for no other reason than to make way for the DA.
3. Their promise that the new club will be able to fit the same number of families in its family designed areas that the current club can fit - another absolute lie according to the DAs 80% (approx.) reduction in family designated space.
4. Their promise that the new club's focus will be aware from poker machines - another absolute lie according to the DA that shows a massive increase in the club's poker machine ratio space and a massive decrease in the club's family ratio space.
5. Their promise that the revised DA would have adequate toilet facilities which would not be unisex - another absolute lie according to the revised DA which shows one dangerous unisex restroom in the new club's family designated area will replace the current club's 10 female and male family-friendly restrooms - whereas 2 female and 2 male restrooms in the new club's family designated area would be a minimum requirement.

6. That they had overwhelming support for the DA and that only a few people oppose it - another absolute lie as management have never been able to prove that more than about 50-60 self-vested elderly members want the DA. Whereas, over 1070 people have already signed a petition to stop the DA.
7. Their promise that the club's outdoor space will be similar size to the current club's outdoor family space - another absolute and ludicrous lie according to the DA and, considering the outdoor family space now encompasses an entire whole bowling green, whereas the entire whole new club will have no more space than 2 bowling greens - it appears that management have included, in what they say is '*new outdoor family space*', the large outdoor poker machine space - does this mean that children will be able to play and run around in the outdoor poker machine space?
8. Their promise that the imposing buildings will comply strictly to State height regulations - another absolute lie according to the DA, with the developers blatantly breaching height regulations and making paltry excuses why they should be able to do so.

Like others, I am also appalled that club management are putting this offensively imposing and height breaching retirement complex right in the middle of all the many community's surrounding children's facilities. It is inexcusable that management have insisted that their retirement units must have windows and balconies looking into all of these single level child facilities - disgraceful!

Also, I have the same grave concern that others have, regarding the development refusing to adopt DSAP's important recommendation that the new club should stand alone and not have retirement units on top of it. Remarkably, the developers say that, by ignoring this vital recommendation, they should be able to breach height regulations for this environmentally repugnant building. If the developers are allowed to ignore this essential DSAP recommendation, the Forestville RSL club is doomed, as it can never again be restructured.

How dare a few non-local '*Johnny-come-lately*' club managers say they are allowed to destroy Forestville by disposing of the RSL club's core property which was granted to the RSL approximately 60 years ago to benefit the community's main demographic - WHICH IS NOW YOUNG FORESTVILLE AND KILLARNEY HEIGHTS FAMILIES - the only demographic this '*totally-out-of-place-atrocity*' will benefit is a few non-local club managers, a small number of self-vested elderly people (who need not be local) and, greedy non-local developers.

This appalling DA transforms a vital community asset into an enclosed, family-unfriendly, dingy dungeon catering to poker machine players - where else will our young families, current and future, have to gather and socialise? Shame on club management!

Please reject this appalling community-destructive DA.

Very Kind Regards,  
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