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Dear Adam Croft,

The Attachment is my strong objection to the subject DA.

Would you please withhold my name and details as I have witnessed in the club certain behaviour by management against members who have objected to the DA, and I do not want to be subjected to that same behaviour.

Regards,

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Adam Croft
NB Planning & Development Assessor

Dear Mr Croft,

I refer to the revised DA2024/1303: 20-22 Melwood Avenue: Redevelopment of Forestville RSL.

This revised DA is just as appalling as before - an absolute disgrace! Shame on FRSL management! How could such a hideously inappropriate and out of place ugly retirement complex ever be considered for this beautiful open green and vitally important RSL location? Club members were not allowed a say, and do not want this monstrosity. Furthermore, it is being put right in the middle of all the community's child activity facilities and will have its windows and balconies looking into all of them - how objectionable is that! How dare the developers say they should be allowed to breach height regulations for this obtrusive, ugly complex.

The makeup of Forestville and Killarney Heights has largely become young families, and these young families love the current club with its wonderful large outdoor family gathering space - formerly bowling greens. Why get rid of these greens when there is no financial reason to do so - quite the opposite? Once these greens are gone they will be gone forever!

How ludicrous it is for club management to claim that the new club will be family friendly - no more space for kids to run around and play outside - enclosed in concrete jungle retirement village - dangerous unisex toilets - a tiny club that cannot fit even a small fraction of the families that the current one fits - and as if parents will want to take their kids to a retirement village for a good time.

Looking at the DA, I also agree with others, that it appears that the sole purpose of this disgraceful redevelopment is get rid of these huge numbers of families from the club to cater to poker machine players in a tiny, dingy new club enclosed in a retirement village.

It appears that the only people who want this redevelopment are a small number of elderly club members who have had their good days at the club and do not want young families to experience the same. How dare a few people say that this vile DA should be able to destroy our precious community club for their selfish benefit! There is plenty of other retirement villages in the area where these selfish members can go.

The majority of people have joined Forestville RSL because it has always served a vital role as a loved community asset - nobody signed up for an ugly retirement complex! As a long-time local resident and member of Forestville RSL the question must be asked, why is this objectionable and unwanted DA being repeatedly sent to Council for approval?

Finally, what a sacrilege it is to demolish the War Memorial in front of the club for the sake of this horrible planned obscenity - what an inexcusable, un-Australian atrocity!

If club management is allowed to destroy this wonderful site, it will tear the heart out of the Forestville and Killarney Heights community and destroy Forestville forever .

For the sake of Forestville and Killarney Heights, and all families in the community, I pray Council rejects this terrible DA and it is never heard of again.

Regards and thank you for your time,

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