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

Formal Objection to DA - Forestville RSL Redevelopment

To Whom It May Concern,

I write to lodge a strong objection to the Development Application proposing the demolition of the Forestville RSL and its replacement with exclusive high-end residential apartments, a tripling of gambling areas, and a significant reduction in communal, family-friendly and green spaces.

This proposal represents a complete departure from the RSL's core community purpose. Forestville RSL has long been a social and cultural hub - not just a venue, but a sanctuary of intergenerational connection, remembrance, and affordable access for local families, veterans, and seniors. The redevelopment:

- Diminishes the treasured war memorials and public gathering spaces that honour our veterans and their service - an irreplaceable loss for the community;
- Reduces inclusive family dining and green areas in favour of private residences and high-turnover gambling operations - undermining the club's historical commitment to community wellbeing;
- Prioritises profit over purpose, replacing an accessible community space with unaffordable, exclusive developments that do not serve the local demographic;
- Expands gambling facilities at the expense of family-friendly infrastructure, contrary to the increasing community concern about gambling harm and its social impact.

This DA is incompatible with the values and needs of Forestville and the broader Northern Beaches community. I urge Council to reject this proposal and require a revised plan that preserves the site's legacy, honours its memorial role, and strengthens rather than erodes its community and social utility.

We strongly object to this development as it currently stands.