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### **Construction and use of Take Away Food and Drink Premises – McDonalds 65 Tomsitt Drive Jerrabomberra**

The Jerrabomberra Residents' Association (JRA) has considered the Development Application that is currently on exhibition for the above premise.

Jerrabomberra since its conception in the early 1990's has been built as a Village. It is the view of the JRA that this proposed DA does not fit in with the village style feel of Jerrabomberra. What is proposed would be suited to a main arterial road, not Tomsitt Drive. People opt to live in Jerrabomberra due to the semi-rural feel of the area – a McDonalds outlet will not be welcomed by the majority of residents.

Jerrabomberra proudly has an insignificant litter problem, this can be attributed to factors such as a higher educated population, appealing streetscape and most importantly minimal disposable packaging used by existing businesses. We believe that this establishment will see increased litter, including fast food wrappers, cups, plastic lids and straws being blown around our suburb. The Werribee River Association have been recording where they find most of take away food rubbish as part of a study called "Circles of litter". They found most litter was between 1.2 and 2.5 kilometres from a fast food restaurant. (<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-06-01/circles-of-rubbish-ring-fast-food-restaurants-says-riverkeeper/8578876> )

Jerrabomberra is situated in an environmental corridor and the DA borders environmentally significant lands. We do not want the native wildlife to be consuming food and litter that isn't part of their natural diet.

The JRA are opposed to the 24/7 operation of this establishment. Nothing in Jerrabomberra trades later than 11pm. Even aircraft traffic tapers off at this time enabling our suburb to sleep. Some of our members have previously lived nearby one of these 24/7 establishments and can report that late at night they attract undesirables who are not local residents and who are there to cause trouble. As our community backs directly onto this site, we cannot support the premise trading past 11pm and we do not believe that there is any need for 24/7 trading. Furthermore, 24/7 will mean that residents will be subjected to invasive lighting which will impact on their comfort and sleep.

The unpleasant odour of the fatty and oily food being prepared at the outlet will permeate the surrounding area and will be constant and unavoidable. This will degrade the quality of life of close by existing residents (and devalue their properties).

There is no designated crossing or safe way to cross Tomsitt Drive or Edwin Land Parkway from The Park to get to the proposed McDonalds store. This is a particularly important consideration for local school children who attend the Jerrabomberra Public School off Jerrabomberra Parkway.

The proposed nine-metre sign will be ugly, invasive, will not fit in with the village look and feel of Jerrabomberra and will be illuminated during evening hours which could impact on local residents' comfort and sleep. It is the view of the JRA that this sign isn't required. The unique quality of Jerrabomberra is that many of the homes are elevated allowing residents uninterrupted views towards the Canberra Basin and the Brindabellas. The proposed large sign will blot our existing vista and isn't required. The proposed flag poles we consider are sufficient signage.

Jerrabomberra is unique in so much as we now have 3 retail precincts for a population of approximately 10,000. Even with the additional development of South Jerrabomberra we would expect an additional 1500 people to join our community. Our local food businesses are owned by Jerrabomberra residents and profits are kept in the local community. We are concerned that a National Franchisee (with their large financial backing) will have a significant impact on our local businesses and economy.

Australia is currently in the grip of an obesity and diabetes epidemic. The answer lies in prevention – in not giving planning permits to fast food outlets that sell unhealthy food. Federal and state government public health prevention policy should not sit in isolation from planning policy. The latter should inform the former. QPRC in their Sports Facilities' Strategic Plan highlight the need for healthy lifestyles "preventable non-communicable diseases, such as mental illness, obesity, cardiovascular diseases, type 2 diabetes and cancer, remain major factors not only affecting health and well-being, but also driving up the cost of health care and reducing the productivity of the workforce." The establishment of a McDonalds store will contribute to these issues in the local community.

Once again, we are disappointed that QPRC has chosen to put this on exhibition during the school holidays and over a long weekend.

Yours Sincerely



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