

Expression of Concern – Village Renewal Project SSD-85869467
RSL Life Care – Anzac Village – Narrabeen NSW 2101

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am 77 years old, and my wife and I have lived in this Village since 2016. We currently enjoy good health, and I am writing to express my concern and opposition to RSL Lifecare's proposed Renewal Project, 'Reimagining the Village'.

Village residents have been informed by RSL Lifecare (the Operator) that the proposed project will include the construction of 27 new buildings, the majority of which will be 5 to 8 stories high, in three phases over a 10-15-year period.

We came to this village with the expectation of being able to enjoy the remainder of our lives peacefully in bushland surroundings and a low-density village, and be protected by residents' rights afforded under the Retirement Villages Act and other relevant legislation.

Should this project be permitted to go ahead, we will be condemned to live with the noise, dirt, and dust associated with a building site for 15 years or more, and have to witness the character of the Village transform into an inappropriate high-density development. In addition, for many residents, the inconvenience, physical and psychological stress of being forcibly relocated and the added mobility risks within the Village for pedestrians and the disabled during construction.

Many residents struggle with the ever-increasing cost of living in this Village and may be unable to absorb the additional cost of maintaining newly built high-rise buildings fitted out to a higher standard and equipped with lifts, car park security gates, intercoms, etc.

There are many aspects of this Village, in its current state, that require attention from the Operator, such as ageing infrastructure, substandard dwellings, insufficient care facilities, footpaths, and poor signage, etc.; before subjecting existing residents to an unwanted renewal project that few of us will live to see completed and derive any benefit from.

RSL Lifecare and the Government appear willing to contravene legislation and jeopardise the well-being of elderly residents in this Village in pursuit of their aspiration to create a high-density development that incorporates their concepts of future independent living trends and addresses an apparent need for additional dwellings.

This renewal project must not be permitted to proceed as currently proposed and I urge you to note my concerns and opposition.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Holland', written in a cursive style.

Philip Holland
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