

To Whom it may concern

I request that the approval for the staged redevelopment and expansion of the Dooley's Lidcombe Catholic Club be declined.

The bulk and scale of the planned buildings doesn't fit the local community. The club's previous expansion has already added to a large number of problems in and around the area. Traffic and street parking has gotten worse. When I walk pass the club along John St you already have to put up with the stinky cigarette smoke from the smokers area at the front of the club. Not very healthy since getting affected by passive smoking is just as bad as someone who actually smokes.

The proposed development would increase the vehicle traffic around my local area. This in turn would result in increased noise from both vehicular traffic and people. Increased traffic would also increase the pollution levels from the rise in vehicle use around the club. I don't see how this type of increase would be a community benefit - more noise and more pollution.

The expansion of the club appears to include larger areas for gaming and things like poker machines. Since gambling and poker machines has been (and still is) considered a social problem the expansion of the club doesn't make a lot of sense if it is enticing more people to participate in gambling. This is not a community benefit. According to Dooley's own annual report for 2016 their profit from gaming machines increased by nearly \$8 million within the space of about a year (Refer to 4. Revenue and Expenses, page 52 - \$67,431,498 in 2015 and \$75,292,054 in 2016. SOURCE: <http://www.dooleys.com/annual-reports>). Out of their total sale of goods and services (\$89,049,634) nearly 85% comes from gaming machine revenue. The ABC News website has an enlightening article about problem gambling, poker machines and clubs (<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-07-17/steketee-gambling-pays-off-for-australian-governments/6625170>)

The club does not need a hotel. Not everyone needs to have a large club in their suburb let alone a large hotel. The expansion of the club has nothing to do with the community rather it appears to have more to do with big businesses and big organisations trying to expand their footprint. A hotel would also contribute to more noise and more air pollution from more people accessing the club. The streets around the club are already congested regularly around certain times of the day. Adding the traffic that would be generated from the addition of a hotel and a multi deck car park isn't what you'd call an improvement to traffic flow.

As a local who has lived in Lidcombe for over 40 years, I don't use any of the services or facilities of Dooley's as I don't see any value in it. I'm not a gambler. Going to a restaurant or eatery outside the club means that you are not "forced" to have your ID scanned and

recorded and you certainly don't need to join a membership just to get in the door of a building to go in there to eat. I don't believe that there is an benefit to having an enlarged club.