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DA 751/2011 – s96(1A) modification - Objection

I understand that Woolworths have applied for the deletion of the condition of this DA that they provide public toilets as part of their new supermarket development at Nelson Bay.

They misleadingly assert in their application that they will still be providing 'public toilet facilities' off the lobby area, but when you look at the plans this is just a single 'accessible' toilet.

A lot of people don't like to use 'accessible toilets' – thinking they are reserved for people with disabilities – and in any case one such toilet is in no way a substitute for proper separate mens and womens facilities.

There are no public toilets in that part of the town centre and this is a 'once in a generation' opportunity to get a decent new facility at no cost to Council. Woolworths are already making this the most basic development with only the bare minimum of 'public benefit' infrastructure.

Please reject this part of Woolworth's application and confirm the requirement that they provide proper toilet facilities as part of this new development.