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To: Council Northernbeaches Mailbox
Subject: Formal Objection to Amended Development Application DA2025/0279 – 237 McCarrs Creek Road, Church Point

Attention: Phil Lane.

Re: Amended DA Submission - 237 McCarrs Creek Road, Church Point.

Date: Monday, 14 July 2025.

I write to lodge a formal objection to the amended DA Submission for the proposed development at 237 McCarrs Creek Road, Church Point.

The glossy black cockatoo faces threats from habitat loss, particularly the clearing of she-oak trees (its primary food source) on this block of land as well as this urban development near their woodland homes their nesting trees. This development application will impact on their breeding success now and the future.

Human Influences on Bird Behavior

We affect birds by altering the landscape, reducing or increasing certain food resources, providing or destroying nesting habitats, and in many other ways. However, humans also affect bird behavior simply by our presence. Birds tend to be very cautious around people, which cuts down on their feeding times and keeps them away from otherwise suitable foraging, roosting, and nesting habitats.

As a resident of McCarrs Creek for over twenty-six years, A healthy and flourishing biodiversity is crucial not just because we love our animals, plants and beautiful landscapes, but because it is essential for the process that support all life on earth, including humans.

1. C4 Zoning and Inconsistency with Planning Controls.

The Pittwater LEP 2014 identifies this site as C4 Environmental Living, which explicitly aims to:

- Provide for low-impact residential development in bushland settings.
- Conserve natural vegetation and fauna habitat.
- Minimise earthworks, retaining native landscape character.

An environmentally friendly living is intended for low-impact residential development that conserves bushland character and biodiversity.

This DA involves near-total site clearing. Has not been resolved in the amended report.

2. Biodiversity Loss and Degradation: GLOSSY BLACK COCKATOOS is listed as VULNERABLE. This is a major concern.

- Habitat Loss and Degradation: Clearing of she-oak trees (*Allocasuarina* species), which provide the Glossy Black Cockatoos with their primary food source, is a major concern on 237 McCarrs Creek Road, Church Point.
- Loss of Nesting Trees: The Glossy black cockatoos rely on large, Hollow-bearing trees used for nesting, and the loss of these trees, especially near feeding areas, affects their breeding success.
- Despite its remarkable ability to adapt, the Glossy black cockatoo is listed as Vulnerable,
- Fewer than 8,000 glossy black cockatoos exist in the wild today. Urgent action is needed to protect them. By safeguarding glossies and their environment, we can benefit the many other animals that rely on the undergrowth and tree canopy at 237 McCarrs Creek Road, Church Point.
- Glossies play a vital ecological role in their environment. Their presence can be a sign of a healthy, biodiverse forest as they need old eucalypts with hollows to nest in and casuarina seeds to feed on, all within flying distance. As seed-eaters, glossies act as forest gardeners, occasionally pruning branches while eating seeds from cones
- The future of Australian species depends on trees, and your support today Northern Beaches Council.

3. Loss of midstory and undergrowth:

Refers to the removal of the middle and lower layers of vegetation on this block of land ecosystem.

The loss of these layers can have significant impacts on this block of land and structure, biodiversity, and overall ecosystem health.

4. Request the Council to consider:

To reject the amended DA outright due to its inconsistency with the C4 zoning intent, Pittwater DCP, and biodiversity protections under NSW law.

It's crucial to protect the local Glossy black cockatoos and their habitat in McCarrs Creek Road Church Point. These birds are vulnerable and rely on specific Forest Oak (*Allocasuarina* species) that grow on this block of land 237 McCarrs Creek, Church Point and breeding areas.

Habitat loss due to development, clearing, and other disturbances can severely impact their populations.

This block is also abundant with species of diverse wildlife. We have beautiful Mammals, including Marsupials, and Monotreme, Birds, Reptiles and amphibians.

To name a few I have personally sig recently on 237 McCarrs are the Glossy black cockatoos, Powerful Owl, Barking Owl, Echidnas, Wallabies, Feather tail gliders, and Lyrebirds.

Bushland in its natural state reduces soil erosion and land degradation.

Tree canopies also slow rainfall and distribute it over a larger area. In terms of flooding, the unrestricted impact of raindrops on bare ground causes significant erosion and rapid runoff, especially since this is a steep block.

These trees are critical habitat for the native wildlife in this area.

In conclusion, I expect the Council to take in my valid points noted above do the right thing and refuse this application.

I reserve the right to submit further information regarding my objection as required.

I look forward to your response thank you.

A few photos taken on McCarrs Creek Road, Church Point.



Warm regards,

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