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Proposed Development: Subdivision of 62 Hillside Road into 4 residential lots plus civil and landscaping works to 62 and 85 Hillside Road to facilitate the subdivision

At: 62 HILLSIDE ROAD NEWPORT NSW 2106

I have inspected the plans and related documents. I have considered them in the context of the relevant planning instruments or policies.

Yes No

I am willing to provide expert reports to supplement my comments should a conflict in opinion arise.

Yes No

I am willing to provide evidence to the Land and Environment Court if the application is appealed.

Yes No

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COMMENTS: (You may use the space provided or attach a separate document).

Please see attached document.

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Date: 16/1/17

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- The property at the end of Hillside Road, No. 85, was designated by the first council to be a gentleman's property and it was noted that it was not to be subdivided. This was because of the fragile natural environment, the location and the terrain. Nothing has really changed. The location is the same. It is at the end of a narrow, basically a one lane, road, and is a very steep forested block with large floating boulders and a vulnerable creek.
- We would suggest that the infiltration of weeds into the rainforest, referred to in the letter of 8 June 2016, has either occurred because of, or been exacerbated by, the felling of trees on the property, in particular several mature cabbage tree palms, in the past year.
- Regarding the fauna that inhabit this property, where will they go? The Statement of Environmental Effects (26 July 2016) states that, "some threatened species which use the subject area will be affected". There are questions that need answers: Which "threatened species"? How do they "use" this subject area? How will they be "affected"?
- The visual impact of this overdevelopment of four houses, the erection of fire proof fences and the necessary clearing of trees and other vegetation on this very steep hillside will be enormous. We are beholden to ask: when will it end? Is there no council sufficiently concerned to protect our heritage? The integrity of the Northern Beaches will be irrevocably compromised by the further destruction of this small rainforest gully. So many have already disappeared, forever.
- Hillside road is already very congested and to have four additional residences, with probably eight extra vehicles driving up and down the road daily will be an unacceptable overload. Parking for visitors at the present time is often non existent due to cars already parked in the street, and the fact that there is a turning circle directly at the entrance to the two properties under discussion. Furthermore, there is no pavement and no curb and guttering and when it rains, water streams down the road. There are always cars parked in the road and often it is difficult to negotiate a way through. Garbage collection is often delayed due to the inability of the trucks to get through. Has a traffic survey of Hillside Road been done by Council? Surely this is imperative given the current developments already taking place in the street. And with a development of this magnitude, it will be a nightmare for residents who drive and walk in this narrow road.
- We also note that the access road to the subject area, runs alongside the adjacent property, No. 85 Hillside Road, owned by the same developer who wishes to "landscape" No.85, and could in the future service a development of more houses in this rainforest gully. The consequences of this are just too ghastly to contemplate. We will say goodbye another rainforest forever. And goodbye to "threatened species" forever.
- The owner has demonstrably spent a lot of money in preparing this application, and we have no desire to see him lose any more money should the application be rejected. In this regard, we have previously requested that the council purchase this property from the owner and declare it a reserve that would link with the existing reserve adjacent to it. Walking trails through the rainforest will benefit far more council ratepayers and visitors. Surely this must be reconsidered.
- We urge the council to reject this proposal for the sake of the environment and the patient residents of Hillside road who have twice been through all this before and who dread the congestion in this narrow road.

Vivien and David Eldridge,

81 Hillside Road, Newport.

8 August 2016

16 January 2017