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RE: DA2021/1522 - 189 Riverview Road AVALON BEACH NSW 2107

I object to this Development Application.

The loss of native trees is absolutely unacceptable.

The Biodiversity Assessment Report lists trees proposed for removal as a total of 17 native canopy trees all occurring within the footprint of the subject site above the Foreshore Building Line. These trees include 7 individuals of Spotted Gum; 2 individuals of Broad-leaved White Mahogany; 5 individuals of Forest Oak; 1 individual of Grey Gum; 1 individual of Christmas Bush; and 1 individual of Grey Ironbark.

It lists trees proposed for retention: a total of 9 native canopy trees would be retained, all occurring within the footprint of the subject site below the Foreshore Building Line. These trees include 8 individuals of Spotted Gum; and 1 individual of Grey Ironbark.

The general conclusion we are to draw from this report is that the site is very weedy at ground level, so it is of low value, and that the location of this site within the wider forested area is such that the loss of this amount of native vegetation is insignificant. Approval of this DA will set precedents resulting in still more destruction of native vegetation, along the Pittwater shores and elsewhere.

It is yet another example of the continual piecemeal loss of native vegetation and fauna habitat we see occurring on private land. Death by a thousand cuts goes on.

The claim that this is a "family home" and therefore its excesses are allowable is ridiculous. The DA proposes a multi-storey dwelling which will completely overwhelm its environmentally sensitive block on the Pittwater waterway. It is inconsistent with the planning objectives for the E4 Environmental Living zoning. It is not low impact, will have serious environmental and aesthetic effects on the area, it will dominate the landscape, and any native vegetation that survives the actual construction will struggle to survive beyond that on land where the hydrology is completely changed by the huge building.

Council must demonstrate its determination to protect our natural environment by refusing this DA.