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Dear Sir / Madam,

After disappointing correspondence with NBC addressing concerns raised in my submission on 19 May 2020, I am raising a further objection against DA 2019/1463 & BC 2019/0284 lodged under Section 4.15 of the EPAA 1979 [the EPA Act].

Please load this objection against both the DA and BC noted above. Your sincerely,

Ms Meredith Symons

## SUBMISSION: SYMONS

## a written submission by way of objection to DA 2019/1463 & BC 2019/0284

Ms Meredith Symons 97 Gurney Cr., Seaforth

20 June 2020

Chief Executive Officer Northern Beaches Council 725 Pittwater Road Dee Why NSW 2099

Northern Beaches Council council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

RE: DA 2019/1463 & BC 2019/0284

Address: 95 Gurney Cr, Seaforth NSW 2092

WRITTEN SUBMISSION: LETTER OF OBJECTION Submission - Symons

This document is a written submission by way of further objection to **DA 2019/1463** & **BC 2019/0284** lodged under Section 4.15 of the EPAA 1979 [the EPA Act].

I attach a five-page document identifying the removal of native bushland on the above property – Appendix 2. You will also note in Appendix 1, depicts the bushland on site, similar to surrounds at time of purchase by Applicant.

The Applicant has not submitted a Landscape Plan to clearly identify the Landscape Proposals for this very sensitive site.

My Submission of 1 January 2020, also requested 6m high screening trees to be located along the common boundary.

The Applicant did not submit a Biodiversity report for this parcel of land west of the proposed pool line to the harbour foreshore. Native fauna such as Superb Blue Wrens, Water Dragons, Scrub Turkeys, Goannas, Brush tail possums, and long nose bandicoots all live in this area. No consideration was given to this native fauna in the illegal clearing of this piece of land.

My submission on 19 May 20, highlighted my concern regarding clearing the land. The Applicant has since suggested the land that they cleared was Lantana and weeds. Appendix 1 shows otherwise.

These matters require Council's urgent action.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Meredith Symons BFA FCA

## Attachment:

**APPENDIX 1:** A 5 page summary of photos (sourced from the internet) of the site at time of sale to the Applicant of DA 2019/1463 & BC2019/0284.

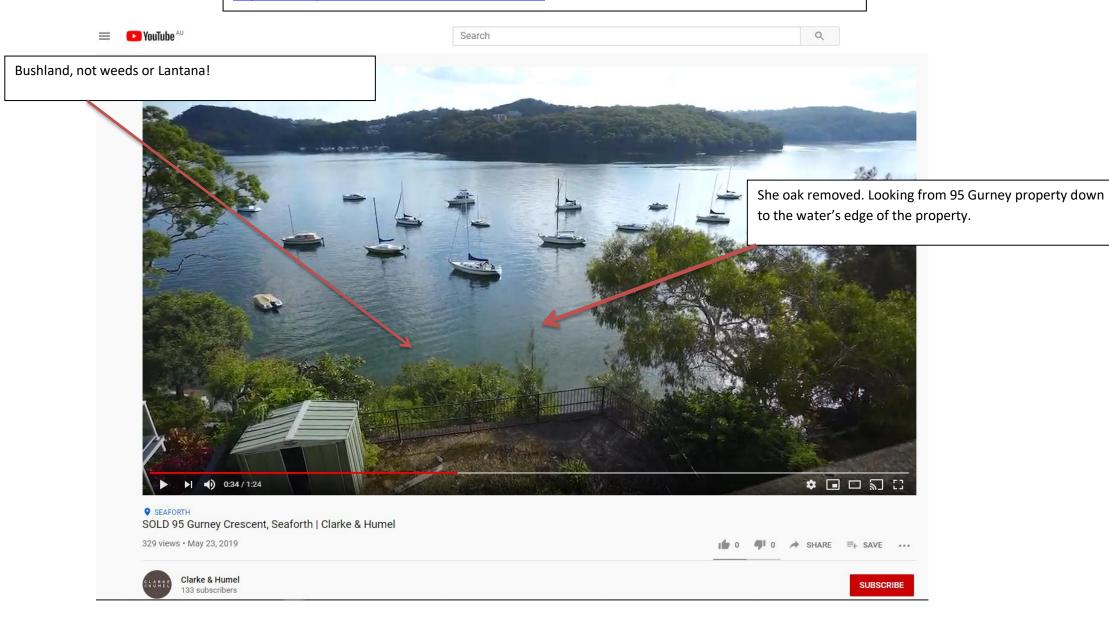
The pictures depict the native bushland, and protected species on harbour foreshore.

**APPENDIX 2:** A 4 page summary of photos taken Saturday 20 June, showing the clearing of the native flora and fauna. The site was cleared without any approval from NBC, or submission of plans indicating intentions for this section of the site.

The next 3 pages, are taken from the UTUBE video provided by Clarke and Humel on sale of 95 Gurney Crescent, Seaforth – May 2019. URL link to view in your browser below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1avcV9MtbM8

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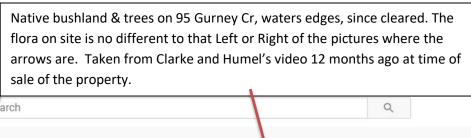
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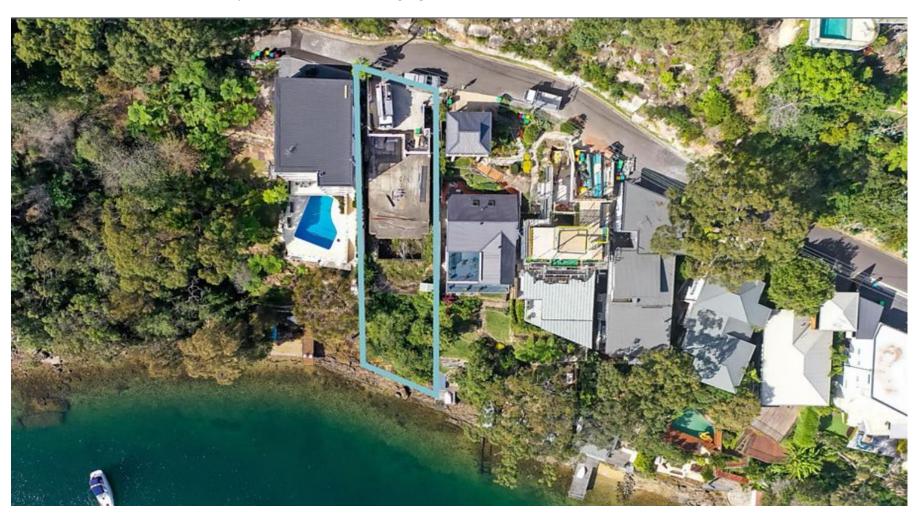
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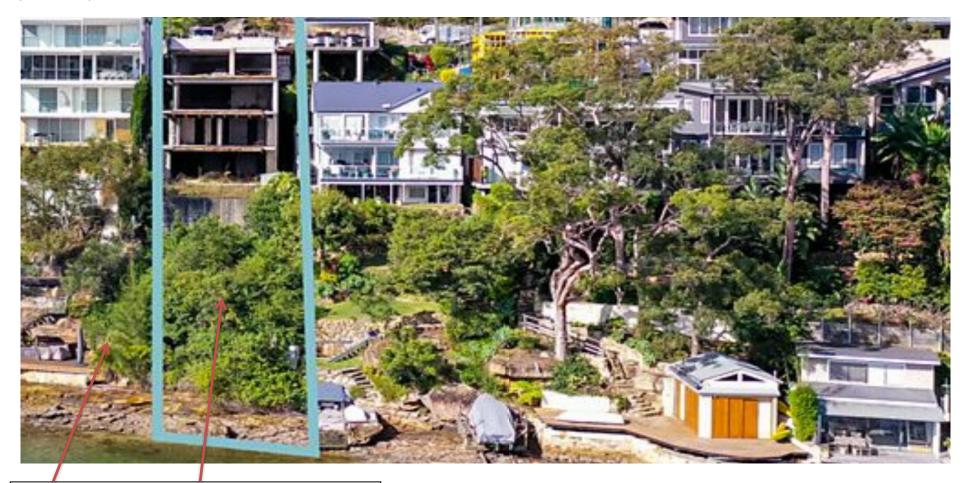
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Below is an Aerial view from Real Estate advertising for Sale May 2019 – Evident is the native bushland on the foreshore. Take from the Clarke and Humel Website on the internet. No 95 Gurney Crescent, is in the Blue highlighted box.



Taken from the Clarke and Humel advertising for sale of 95 Gurney Crescent Seaforth, May 2019. The Blue box does not quite show the correct boundary. The She Oak is on the LHS bottom of the Blue box on 95 Gurney Crescent land/ waters edge. That and all other bushland since removed, without any permits, or protection of trees or fauna.



She Oak Other native bushland, since removed. Not Lantana and weeds as claimed by the owners in response to NBC questions.

## **APPENDIX 2**

6 Photos of 95 Gurney Crescent Seaforth. <u>Taken 20 June 2020 at 930am</u>. Land west of proposed pool to harbour foreshore. Cleared of all bushland, and native trees, as shown in other document.

Disappointingly all work carried out, has not been carried out to the standard of the Environmental Protection Act. There should have been an inspection on site by a qualified Aboracultralist, of all of the native species on site (eg, Water Dragons, Superb Blue wrens, goannas, Scrub Turkeys, long nose bandicoots,) prior to any vegetation being touched. This is a negligent act by NBC. This site is now subject to erosion.

Following the DA submissions you will see that there was no request for a plan or a biodiversity report over this important parcel of harbour front land. Rather, the reports were done, post clearance, and post my second objection, highlighting what the owners had done to this land.

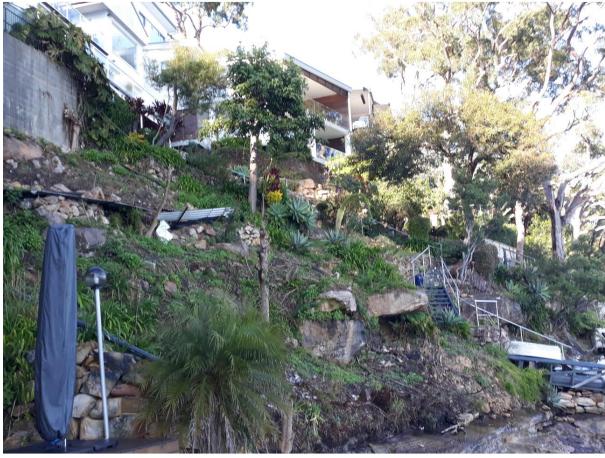




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Taken from balcony looking across. Not one tree, remains, or any vegetation.

