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**RE: DA2019/0393 - 7 Trentwood Park AVALON BEACH NSW 2107**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to object to this subdivision. We note that the Council previously rejected a push to sub-divide 7Trentwood Park into 5 lots, and then mediated with the applicant to allow for 3 lots. This attempt to now carve another lot out of that approval to make 4 lots total goes against this approval and should be rejected accordingly.

Our primary objection to further subdivision is on account of the significant adverse environmental impact that it constitutes. 7 Trentwood Park is a significant parcel of high quality habitat, forming part of an important wildlife corridor critical for the long term survival of healthy local populations of many native species.

If approved, this subdivision will cause detrimental habitat loss with permanent negative effects on at least three vulnerable native animals- the Powerful Owl (*Nitrox strenua*), the Long-nosed Bandicoot (*Perameles nasuta*) and the Sugar Glider (*Petaurus norfolcensis*).

In the last 5 years we have been resident in the area adjacent to 7 Trentwood Park we have seen and heard both Powerful Owls (including chicks) and Long-nosed Bandicoots within the confines of 7 Trentwood Park. In fact the last time Powerful Owls were heard by us there was approximately 5 weeks ago. Indeed we have even photographed a Powerful Owl at the boundary of 7 Trentwood Park and 43D Chisholm Avenue (See our previous objection, Jan 2016).

We note that the applicant has included a Flora and Fauna Report in this application as an attempt to address this concern. However, this report is manifestly inadequate. There is NO evidence that the report's authors have visited the site and attempted to survey for the presence of Powerful Owls at an appropriate time (a site visit at night when the birds are calling during the breeding season of April-Sept is required). As such it is unacceptable that the claims in Section E1 regarding impacts on the Powerful Owl have been made.

Another error in this report is the claim that because the site is degraded by presence of weeds (lantana), it constitutes having no significance as foraging space to the Powerful Owl. Not so! Any bush regenerators can attest that in fact lantana is a significant nesting site for ringtail possums, which constitute the primary food of the Powerful Owl.

In addition to affecting vulnerable species, this DA will also impact negatively on numerous other native species in the local area, including the many bird species, microbats, amphibians and reptiles. Once again, no evidence of sufficient surveying of the site with regard to these species is evident in the Flora and Fauna Report.

The applicants have made no proper assessment of the high ecological value of the site. The environmental significance of 7 Trentwood Park is highly valued by the local community. This DA should not be allowed to proceed without a full proper assessment of the flora, fauna and ecological significance of the site, by comprehensive surveying according to established ecological principles.

This subdivision represent over-development of the site that has already been examined and rejected by Council twice previously. It should not be further considered.

Yours Sincerely,

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