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Please find attached my submission in relation to the Revision Application No: 2021/0006. 181 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights NSW 2100. Extension of Allambie Heights Village/William Charlton Village.

With thanks,

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SUBMISSION AGAINST Revision Application No. 2021/0006

(Extension of Allambie Heights Village. 181 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights NSW 2100)

I am writing to OBJECT in the strongest possible terms to the above Revision Application.

NOTHING HAS CHANGED in the proponent's review application. Thus the reasons for Objection remain. Their validity has not changed.

It is critically important that the **ONLY** War Memorial Park in Australia be protected for the respect and honour it represents. Not eroded on all sides by Development Creep. There must not be a Development By Development approach and all of us have a duty and obligation to ensure this does not happen. The proposed development would remove a substantial vegetative buffer on the edge of the Park which currently provides natural prevention of land degradation. Council, State and Federal governments can and should continue to take pride in ensuring the Park in its entirety is protected from any and all encroachments now and into the future.

The Park's Plan of Management (2014) recommends protection of and where possible incorporation of adjoining crown land into the reserve to minimise pressures and impacts from urban or disruptive land uses.

How is 24 living spaces on Crown Land reserved for public use '**Public Use**'?

This Development is in the Manly Dam Catchment area. Environmental experts agree that whatever happens upstream will likely impact on creek lines downstream. This is a **Category A** Creek in an increasingly urbanised metropolitan area. An environmental rarity. It simply **MUST** be protected for current and future generations.

A popular song in the 1960s warned of cutting down the trees and putting them in a tree museum. The War Memorial Park and its Manly Dam Catchment area is in just that sort of danger. Every one of us has a Duty of Care to ensure it is there for those who come after us.

Already 2020 ecological studies have indicated there has been a significant range contraction within the area of the Galaxias fish. There used to be at least three creeks supporting their population. Now there is only one left. This is the last remaining population of Galaxias fish in the Sydney Metropolitan Area. Any move to allow this development to proceed will put this last population under threat of local extinction.

It is inevitable that anything involving tree removal, earthworks and/or changes to water flow will put a freshwater ecosystem under threat. Is that why there is no consideration of freshwater ecology?

The hills and valleys of the Sydney Metropolitan Area once had hundreds of creeks supporting a wide range of flora and fauna species specific to certain local areas. Much of this is now lost due to developments which failed Due Diligence requirements to protect natural environments.

Within the plethora of valid objections to this development I note the pollution reduction targets are inadequate to properly protect the native vegetation within the Park. Seventy percent more flow volume from the development site due to impervious surfaces would mean substantially more urban pollutants. At least 35% more nitrogen and 22% more phosphorus would enter the catchment area. Even novice horticulturists are well aware that Australian native vegetation broadly has adapted to a low-nutrient environment and lack tolerance to such nutrients. Vegetation losses would be a consequence.

The Rural Fires Act specifically discourages locating Special Fire Purpose Developments within Bushfire prone land. The proposed development is on bushfire prone land. That is not suitable for seniors housing and the bushfires of 2019-2020 illustrate the point with devastating clarity.

This Park and Manly Dam Catchment area is one of the last pristine ecosystems in the Sydney Metropolitan Area. History can be a harsh critic but this is an opportunity to protect what we still have. Future generations will benefit and will thank us.

Yours sincerely,

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