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RE: DA2021/1164 - 521 Barrenjoey Road BILGOLA BEACH NSW 2107

Dear Assessing Officer,

There are several bases for my objection to this application, many of which are already covered in the submissions of other people; major traffic disruption (including pressure on surrounding local roads for workers' parking) and noise pollution for over 14 months, being two obvious issues.

However, my primary objection is the impact on the environment, in which I include flora, fauna, the land itself and water drainage. The report filed with the application is lacking in any detail as to any nocturnal activities and based on speculation as to many assumed species' habits and activities.

Most abhorrent is the proposal to cut down many mature trees. Notably, the numbers are only a projected estimate. The intention is to (later) replace them with low level shrubbery. This will not provide the necessary habitat for birds and animals of the locality or replace the lost and disturbed wildlife corridors.

There has already been land slippage in this area (onto The Serpentine) and the removal of large trees can only exacerbate this issue. The actions of heavy plant and machinery in order to effect rock removal are likely to make matters worse.

Furthermore, Bilgola Creek is a significant natural watercourse running down and though the escarpment, the word 'belgoula' having Aboriginal etymology, and by implication, this area is of significance to the traditional owners.

According to the Council's own website, the area under consideration is classified as a Threatened Ecological Community, the twelve of which are collectively defined as '...ecosystems that are in danger of being lost due to some threatening process'.

This area is squarely within Council's above categorisation, being littoral rainforest.

Should this application be granted, it will be completely inconsistent with and contrary to Council's stated objective, being '...committed to protecting them'. If that occurs, it will raise the reasonable question of how the Council can justify going against its own commitment, and why.

I do not believe that sufficient notice has been taken of the significant environmental impact has been demonstrated by the proposed works.

I add my voice to those of others who have raised concerns about the appropriateness of the proposed structure itself, but most strongly wish this submission to be taken into account on the environmental grounds stated above.

Yours sincerely

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