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

Dear Sir,

With this application, the disruption of vehicular transit, is an enormous problem. The Peninsula, because of its geographic formation, lacks other main avenues of traffic circulation. In reality we are handicapped by being forced to endure the already existing traffic delays and very much at risk in case of a fire or another emergency requiring urgent evacuation of residents.

The Bends are strategically important and as such, resources have to be allocated periodically for its maintenance to guarantee clear transit of vehicles. Because of its narrowness, safe pedestrian use is not a good option. The road is enclosed by high hills on one side with many trees which contribute to give stability to the land.

Disruption by workmen's vehicles and by large trucks carrying materials is to be expected in constructions, but in such a vulnerable site it is just not possible. Apart from the traffic chaos, cutting trees will increase the already existing danger of landslides and the destruction of the road in what is by all accounts, a fairly steep terrain.

This site is also very close to an unusually congested area where vehicles use the round about to go into Avalon , Bilgola Plateau, Clareville and continue to Whale Beach and Palm Beach. The Primary School just down the road increases congestion at particular times, not only by vehicles, but also by pedestrians. "Kamikaze Corner", as it was named by local residents, aptly describes its current risk of collisions and accidents.

A development in this particular site is clearly inappropriate both on environmental degradation and on traffic disruption grounds. It is indeed surprising that this was zoned as residential. I strongly object to this application.

Sincerely,
Leonor Gouldthorpe