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To whom it may concern

As a local citizen, I am extremely concerned about the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park. I strongly object to any further encroachment into this precious natural habitat from any side, and to this Development Application in particular, for the following reasons;

1. The development site is located at the headwaters of Curl Curl Creek, which flows through Manly Warringah War Memorial Park to Manly Dam. "Curl Curl Creek is classified as a Group A creek- meaning it has very high ecological value
2. The development would be located on Crown land that was reserved for public and semi-public use.
3. The Rural Fires Act (Planning for Bush Fire Protection) specifically discourages locating Special Purpose Developments within bush fire prone land.
4. The required fire break (Asset Protection Zone) would mean the removal and modification of bushland in and adjoining the park.
5. A total of twenty-five (25) vertebrate fauna species were recorded during the environmental field survey including five threatened fauna species." .. (amazingly, the endangered Eastern Pygmy Possum was recorded here).
6. Of the existing 107 trees within the relatively cleared area of the site, 85 are proposed to be removed.
7. Bushland and riparian buffer areas in Manly Dam Catchment should be zoned E2 for conservation not R2 (residential).
8. The development would impact on the headwaters of Curl Curl Creek-the main feeder creek to Manly Dam and of "very high ecological value". This is the only habitat in Sydney of the ancient Climbing Galaxias Fish (see below link).
http://members.iinet.net.au/.../E.../Galaxias/galaxias_fish.html
9. Increase in stormwater erosion and urban pollutants would put at risk downstream areas (as happened at Manly Vale School)
10. Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park is currently being nominated for National Heritage listing. The proposed development is not compatible with the high conservation values of the adjoining reserve.
11. Manly Warringah War Memorial Park was gazetted as a State park in April 2017. The intent was to provide better conservation status.
12. The entirety of the park is a living war memorial. All negative impacts degrade the war memorial.

This bush land is enjoyed by many locals and people from far and wide to immerse themselves in the beauty and peaceful quiet of nature as a relief from the daily stresses in life and to teach

their children about the importance of nature. A critical mass is needed to support the amazing biodiversity and human beings too.

Kind regards
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