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

I wish to lodge an objection to the DA relating to planning permission for a dwelling at 521 Barrenjoey Road.

My concerns are the following:-

1) The impact to the environment and native wildlife by cutting down such a huge number of native trees from the area. We have seen a similar situation occur at 25 Plateau Road where trees were approved to be cut down for planned works. These trees were all cut down by the owner including one mature tree that was "supposed to be protected" and not cut down. This has completely changed the landscape, the privacy of the area and general feel of the suburb. I would not like to see this precedent extended to all properties in the area. Wildlife are also impacted by removal of so many trees with native animals being displaced and moving on. We have seen this first hand with the ringtail possums that used to frequent our house daily prior to the destruction of trees on our street.

2) The sheer scale and building height of this proposal. My understanding was that the approved height of buildings in the area were 8.5 metres. Interested to know how a building of 7 stories and over 10 meters can even be considered as "keeping with the feel of the local area".

3) The impact that the construction phase will have on traffic in and out of the Bilgola Bends. This extensive construction will impact all traffic and I don't believe there is any way around this.

4) I am concerned that any rain or weather events that occur during the construction phase may impose serious landslip consequences to the houses surrounding this property as well as landslip occurring over the Barrenjoey road and down into the Bilgola beach valley.

5) The impact this huge building will have to the ocean views of houses surrounding it has not been fully investigated. This build will not only be limited to impacting the 2-3 houses that sit behind 521 Barrenjoey Road but will extend to houses all along the Plateau Road Ridge. Thank you for considering Cristen Giles