
Sent: 23/09/2021 8:10:04 AM
Subject: Re: DA2021/1522 189 Riverview Rd, Avalon Beach
Attachments: DA Riverview Rd.docx;

Mr Adam Mitchell
Development Assessment Officer
Northern Beaches Council

Re: DA2021/1522
189 Riverview Rd
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Dear Sir,

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.

I wish to object to this development application in its current form, for the following reasons.

Significant loss of canopy trees and the impact this would have on wildlife.

Given the number of protected species trees in an endangered ecological community that this development proposes to remove, it is imperious to say the least, that the applicant has not provided an independent Arborist's report. I expect that such a report would not support the applicant's case.

As a high-profile landscaper and self-proclaimed champion of environmentally sustainable design and "giving back to nature", I am surprised and horrified that the applicants design requires the loss of 17 significant, protected canopy trees, and will have a negative impact on those trees retained, as well as trees on neighbouring properties. This is to say nothing of the impact on wildlife supported by these trees.

I note that the Environmental Effects report provided, barely addresses the huge impact that the removal of these trees would have upon the ecological community, rather it simply states blithely in it's description of the development, that "the works will require the removal of some trees...".

Its conclusion mentions nothing of the trees at all.

I note also that the Landscape Referral Response mentions a pre-lodgment site meeting where it was recommended that the applicant address the tree loss and amend the overall design accordingly.

That this recommendation was ignored, speaks volumes about the lack of deference to the significance of the site, for the authority of the council, and for the community it represents.

I support the Landscape Referral Responses' non -support of this DA.

The size and bulk of the proposed development.

You only need look at the rendered plans to see how the neighbouring properties will be dwarfed by this development. There will be nowhere to hide from this enormous building which will overwhelm the sloping hillside.

Six levels is hardly 'sitting lightly on the earth', and does not meet E4 criteria of 'low impact, low density and scale'.

If this is a "family home" then homes have certainly blown-out when compared to the modest homes that have until now sustained our fragile ecosystem in Pittwater.

This design is unnecessarily bulky and bloated.

I am concerned that approval of this build in its current form would set a frightening precedent.

I hope that council rejects this development application, and that the applicant amends his plans to be more sympathetic to the amazing block of land that he is fortunate to own.

This site deserves the greatest care.

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