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Northern Beaches Council

Re: Objections to application DA 2019/0200 : 130 Old Pittwater Road Brookvale

1. The unrestricted expansion of industrial / commercial Brookvale upwards into a residential zone at the top end of the escarpment, erodes the statutory demarcation between two conflicting zones. In essence, the commerce and industry of one is brought to the door step of the other. An outdated Land & Environment Court is not the proper venue to resolve the protection of each zoning .It is a matter for the State government to resolve.
2. The stakeholders who have an interest in the D/A include (a) The NSW Wildlife Service and (b) The Indigenous Land Council. Both have failed to express their interests in the Land & Environment Court over the development of 138-140 Old Pittwater Road .The first had failed to enquire into the existing wildlife that use the escarpment as their habitat. These include a number of wallabies whose photographs have been taken and droppings preserved. The second had failed to enquire into the possibility of any ancient burial site on the escarpment. Aborigine carvings at Gumbooya Crescent, the discovery of a very old human bone below, running brooks , caves and food supplies, offer a compelling argument if there was a tribe that had lived there, it could have also been their burial site.
3. The broader community of the Northern Beaches would be another stakeholder .As it stands the escarpment provides a natural landscape. Its location is unique and once destroyed will never be seen again. One interest of the community would be the establishment of a landscaped park not unlike those found in Shanghai or New York. The workers use those parks to take their lunch breaks and to relax. A tourist attraction would be the added visit of the occasional wallaby or wild turkey. With a State government prepared to outlay over \$750,000.000 to demolish a sports stadium, it could afford to compensate the present landowners below in any loss of their land or a portion of it.
4. Noise pollution. There is little regard to the level of noise that emanated from jackhammers, excavations, core drilling or the movement of heavy machinery. The area intended to be developed is not a level field. So if , as was the case with 138-140 Old Pittwater Road, the side of hill is to be dug into, the noise experienced from the previous development could be expected to take up some eight months between the hours pf 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday with no escape to the students and staff at TAFE, nearby occupants, or the residents at the top.
5. Slip zone. The escarpment is a declared slip zone and the persistent excavations from the present and further developers ,would require a thorough study of the stability of the remaining lands. One particular aspect is a flash flood from the top to the bottom on weathered old rocks. There is a main sewer line at the top of the proposed development .

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