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27/12/2012
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Rezoning application R0002/12 120 - 122 Mona Vale Road, 10 Jubilee Ave and 4A
Boundary St Warriewood

Katandra Bushland Sanctuary Trust would like to object to the above proposal due to the drastic effect it would have on the local natural environment.

The site in question forms an important wildlife corridor between the Warriewood Escarpment and Katandra Bushland Sanctuary and provides a potential site for construction of a much needed fauna crossing over Mona Vale Road. The importance of this wildlife corridor was recognised in the Ingleside / Warriewood Urban Land Release Draft Planning Strategy (1995) which indicated that the land had been allocated for conservation purposes. While much of the site was subject to unauthorised clearing of vegetation in the 1990's, it still provides vital access for fauna movement between Katandra Bushland Sanctuary (and other areas to the north of Mona Vale Road) and Ingleside Chase Reserve (and other areas to the south of Mona Vale Road). The council's own website states that "Wildlife corridors play a crucial role in maintaining connections between animal and plant populations that would otherwise be isolated and at greater risk of local extinction." Animals that have been sighted in Katandra Sanctuary include the Spotted-tailed Quoll and the Eastern Pygmy Possum, both of which are on the threatened species list.

It is the view of the Trust that development of this site would threaten the survival of local populations of many faunal species by restricting their movement between bushland areas and so is inappropriate for such an environmentally sensitive area already under threat from nearby over-development.

Yours Sincerely

David Seymour

President
Katandra Bushland Sanctuary Trust

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