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I strongly object to DA 2020/0552 181 ALLAMBIE RD. Firstly, it is on uncleared Crown land which is now precious in our ever expanding urban city. It is a habitat area for Eastern Pygmy Possum, Large eared Pied Bat, Square Tailed Kite, Grey Headed Flying Fox, Powerful Owl, Large Bent Winged Bat, Red Crowned Toadlet, and Little Bent Winged Bat. And the grass swale habitat for the Red-crowned Toadlet will be entirely removed as a result of the proposal. The development would reduce the viability of adjacent habitat for native fauna due to noise and artificial light spill. Surely that is enough to halt this proposal.

It's in a sensitive catchment area with all runoff going down to Manly Dam. The creek that it feeds is home to the only population of Climbing Galaxias fish in Sydney. This is a Gondwanan relic, thought to have survived in this creek for 60 million years. Curl Curl Creek catchment has very high ecological value and less than 10% connected impervious area. The sensitivity of Curl Curl Creek catchment means that even small land use changes could substantially affect aquatic ecosystems. We go to Manly Dam for a swim most weekends and it's such a precious experience. It's the only freshwater, unpolluted lake where we can swim in the whole Sydney basin. It should be protected like the precious jewel that it is.

I don't want to see any trees removed from that tiny patch of land around Manly Dam. There are 85 trees being removed for this proposal and that's 85 too many. If you go to Manly Dam on the weekend there are so many people walking around connecting with nature. Every single tree and plant is precious right up to the perimeter which is where this proposal is situated. If this proposal goes through then so many others will be approved too and this tiny area will be chipped around the edges to become smaller and smaller. More human habitat and less for nature. By protecting nature we are actually protecting ourselves. We need it for survival. We are all interconnected.

Please reconsider this proposal before you start on this slippery slope.

Cheers, Tanya Bell