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RE: DA2020/1163 - 24 Wandeen Road CLAREVILLE NSW 2107

Written submission : Letter of objection

To whom it may concern,

I am a Bilgola Plateau resident of 40 years and a northern beaches resident of 50 years.

I have seen many changes to the area during that time including the loss of our Koala population due , in large part, to poor decisions around development as they relate to our natural environment. That loss forms part of the crisis of extinction this species now find itself in.

Granting permission for the proposed development of what is currently an important green buffer for many native birds and animals at 24 Wandeen Road, will do nothing to quell my fear that the balance of environmental sustainability has been well and truly tipped and we are at risk of losing that which makes Pittwater such a unique and bio-diverse area.

Aside from being visually imposing and incongruous to the area , my main objection is that the proposed design and associated landscaping in no way meets the E4 standard of "not resulting in an adverse impact to the environment". The loss of so many protected species of canopy tree, 15 of 18, will ensure the permanent displacement of many native birds and animals . Many of which have called this block home for generations.

Any proposed replacement trees (of which I note the Spotted Gum is not one) will take decades to provide adequate habitat and are in no way assured to reach maturity due to a lack of enforcement to comply and lack of ongoing protection.

In short, they are irreplaceable.

Given that the Northern Beaches Council declared a climate change emergency in August 2019 and we have endured the greatest loss of wildlife in living memory during last summer's bushfires, I'd have hoped that Northern Beaches Council's commitment to preserving what we still have here would be a priority.

The recently approved clearing of 18 out of 18 ,predominantly protected trees for a DA at 25 Plateau Road Avalon has shocked and dismayed the community and illustrated a distinct lack of commitment to protecting what is left of our natural world.

I ask that council please reject this application and uphold all the criteria of the Pittwater Local Environment Plan 2014 in any future applications.

There are already many wonderful examples of sympathetic, environmentally sensitive

architecture in the Avalon area. This site deserves nothing less.

In addition I support the submissions made by the Henry family and Mr David Poppleton.

Regards,

Danielle Bressington and Stephen Ravich