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I object to this Development Application.

The loss of native trees is absolutely and totally unacceptable. The Biodiversity Assessment Report lists 17 trees proposed for removal, all of which are native canopy trees. These trees include 7 individuals of Spotted Gum; 2 individuals of Broad-leaved White Mahogany; 5 individuals of Forest Oak; 1 individual of Grey Gum; 1 individual of Christmas Bush; and 1 individual of Grey Ironbark.

Only 9 native canopy trees would be retained, all occurring within the footprint of the subject site below the Foreshore Building Line. Approval of this DA will set precedent resulting in still more destruction of native vegetation, along the Pittwater shores and elsewhere. It is another example of the continual piecemeal loss of native vegetation and fauna habitat that is being allowed to occur on private land.

It is obscene and disrespectful to residents and the environment to submit a DA in this E4 Zone that removes almost every tree from the block! Being such a steep block, these trees are holding the soil together, which will negatively impact trees on the neighbouring blocks. The removal of these trees, will result in significant tree canopy loss, the very thing that the community values!

The DA proposes a multi-storey dwelling which will completely overwhelm this environmentally sensitive block on the Pittwater waterway. The bulk, height and scale are excessive, and the overall size of the build is extreme, greatly exceeding the allowed 40% of the block. The proposed dwelling is a ridiculously massive home, described as a "family home" which somehow means its excesses are allowable???

It is inconsistent with the planning objectives for the E4 Environmental Living zoning. It is not low impact, will have serious environmental and aesthetic effects on the area, it will dominate the landscape, and any native vegetation that survives the actual construction will struggle to survive beyond that on land where the hydrology is completely changed by the huge building.

Council must demonstrate its determination to protect our natural environment by refusing this DA.