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**RE: DA2018/1667 - 181 Allambie Road ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS NSW 2100**

Dear Assessing Officer,

This proposal to extend aged care housing on bushfire prone land on the edge of Manly Dam is irresponsible, inappropriate and should not go ahead. With climate change pushing us to a drier climate with more extreme weather events APZs will need to extend further and further to be of any use. Being able to build next to bushland and then clear into it to "protect assets" is outright vandalism. It is akin to building on the sand at the beach and then wanting the right to build a seawall to protect the asset.

It is now time for an urgent cumulative impact assessment on the Manly Warringah War Memorial Park (MWWMP) and a confirmation of what being a State Park actually means and what protections that offers the park and what surrounding developments are appropriate.

This current development proposal cannot be looked at in isolation. The MWWMP and its surrounding crown lands are being eroded on all sides and this is impacting and will impact further on water quality and biodiversity values.e.g:

- \* this proposed development of aged care facilities
- \* Manly Vale Public School redevelopment,
- \* the proposed Forest High School relocation,
- \* the redevelopment of the Warringah Road / Wakehurst Parkway road systems and hospital
- \* the redevelopment of the playground inside the dam
- \* the proposed tunnel and widening of the Wakehurst Parkway to 4 lanes

These developments are having or will have impacts on the Manly Dam ecosystems and catchment, including downstream ecosystems and communities right down to Queenscliff. This needs to be looked at as a whole of park, catchment and ecosystem issue and not a patchwork development by development approach which sees loss of a few threatened species here accepted by purchase of environmental offset credits somewhere else (this offset system is widely and openly reported to be flawed and is helping to push threatened species towards extinction.)

Please plan for a future in our area where people young and old can visit a place of beauty and unique, thriving ecological diversity and still enjoy swimming in fresh water.

In summary:

- \* this development is inappropriate for the site
- \* this development should be considered as part of a wider cumulative impact assessment of the MWWMP

\* dealing with the local extinction/disruption of threatened species on the site by purchasing offset credits is flawed and does nothing to protect our local ecosystem and identified flora and fauna

\* this development will further degrade the ability of the catchment to slow down, soak up and clean our precious freshwater

Yours sincerely,

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