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**Subject:** ATTENTION: MR T PROSSER PLANNER RE DA2022/0805 Lot 1  
DP394351 Lot 1/Weemala Road Duffys Forest  
**Attachments:** DA20220805 Lot 1 Weemala Rd Duffys 05092022.docx;

Dear Mr. Prosser,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the above DA.

Sincerely

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Northern Beaches Council

Attention: Mr. T. Prosser

5th September, 2022

Dear Mr. Prosser,

**RE: DA2022/0805 – Lot1 DP 394351 – Lot 1/Weemala Road, Duffys Forest Use of part of the site for a dog training facility (animal boarding or training establishment)**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on DA2022/0805.

Duffys Forest is currently home to five dog boarding/day care kennels. We have such a facility immediately adjacent to our property and a second facility only one property distant from us. Noise from barking, yelping and yapping dogs starts in the early morning. There are staff and client vehicle movements with a requirement for on street parking.

The DA states that the proposal is for a 'dog training facility'. We question the ability of one staff member to train twelve dogs, let alone control them. The DA makes no reference to suitable high fencing, dog exercise yards, structures to protect dogs and staff member/s from poor weather, to limit sight of horses on the existing bridle path, no noise control or noise proofing, no plan for waste disposal or for any plan to evacuate staff and dogs in case of bush fire.

We have major concerns regarding the potential pollution of the riparian zone, the creek and adjoining national park bushland with animal waste and runoff. The subject land has a natural gradient towards the riparian zone. There does not seem to be any allowance for trade waste removal nor for control of vermin as one would expect in a business of this type.

The DA refers to the proposal as 'extremely passive'. Noise from twelve dogs will have a hugely detrimental effect on the amenity of all neighbours and will discourage the local wildlife including swamp wallabies, locally native birds, etc.

Killawarra Road meets Weemala Road (an unformed road with no vehicular access to the opposing section of Weemala Road off Kinka Road) creating a dead end. Weemala Road is a well used bridle path which runs adjacent to the subject property. Additional through traffic and a requirement for on street parking for staff, and ancillary workers as referred to in the DA will cause issues for neighbours, horse riders, bike riders and walkers alike on this quiet, no through road.

There are a number of anomalies in the DA which require clarification. How many staff and what days and times of operation are proposed ? One staff member or two ? Five days or seven days a week ? Hours of operation 9am to 5pm, 9am to 3pm or 9am to 1pm ?

SoEE states: "Hours of operation will be 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday" then further:

"The proposal is extremely passive with no works and one staff member part time. 9am – 1pm 5 days a week"

Conversely, the Plan of Management states:

"3 HOURS OF OPERATION The Facility opens daily seven (5) days a week from 9:00 am to 3.00pm, Monday to Friday"

"4 STAFFING The Facility will be operated by a maximum of two (2) staff at any one time.

5 STAFF ARRIVAL Staff arrivals are usually between the hours of 9.00am to 11.00am."

We ask that Council refuse this DA.

Yours sincerely,

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