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**Subject:** DA2022/0145 submission 4 Delmar Pde - 812 Pittwater Rd \_ Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden

I understand I may make this submission for consideration by Council, although the DA is not currently within the official exhibition period, or does not require public exhibition. Therefore, please consider this objection to the current proposed development at 4 Delmar Pde / 812 Pittwater Rd Dee Why

**DA2022/0145 – 4 Delmar Pde and 812 Pittwater Rd Dee Why, adjacent to Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden**

I strongly oppose the current proposed development of land adjacent to Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden as it stands, for the following reasons:

Set aside for the study of flora and fauna in 1957, Stony Range was given the status of a Regional Botanic Garden of Australian Bushland in 2006.

Stony Range, as a Regional Botanic Garden, is more than just 'public open space' and as such, acknowledgement of the status it has earned should be respected.

For many years, local and other visitors continue to appreciate and use its variety of facilities including accessible paths, trees, cascades, Sandstone outcrops, wildlife, plant nursery and children's areas and places of quiet contemplation.

**1. Environment / Heritage:**

The overall aesthetics and ambience of Stony Range and its entrance would be degraded by the proposed 8-storey development dominating its northern border. The building would negatively impact on the environmental and heritage value of the Garden.

**2. Height / Shadow:**

The proposed height of the development is likely to negatively impact the growth of vegetation on the northern boundary due to the changed light and shade conditions, particularly in autumn and winter.

In autumn and winter, shadowing and the dominance of the proposed building the public picnic area would be negatively impacted by the development. This is likely to lead to a drop in visitor numbers and events at this time of year.

**4. Parking:**

This large development would likely impact negatively on Stony Range's small visitor parking area, most of which is gazetted within the Ranges' boundary and as such should be kept for the use of Stony Range visitors and volunteers.

Importantly, this must be properly enforced, especially during any proposed construction works, as it is likely contractors would use the car park during construction periods.

There is no parking within Stony Range and the entrance roadway must be kept open for tenants to the cottage behind the Corkery building.

Thus, I am strongly opposed to the development of an 8-storey building on the northern boundary of Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden.

Let's acknowledge and respect the status of Stony Range, as a Regional Botanic Garden.

Regards  
Jenny Talbot