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**Sent:** 27/06/2023 12:46:35 PM  
**Subject:** Please help save Stony Range Botanic Garden

Dear council,

As we all read your beautifully presented webpages on Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden - full of pictures, importance of tree canopy, native plants, (see below quote) - we must believe the council loves the gardens too. And want to protect it.

However when : Development Applications such as this one DA2022/0145 - 4 Delmar Pde, Dee Why, come to our attention by caring hard working bush volunteers. We wonder. Is council going to save the garden? This DA proposes an 8 storey building. The proposed development is situated on the northern border of the Stony Range Reserve, an environmental and heritage regional botanic garden. Much loved and a respite for residents from the surrounding overdeveloped area. Perhaps the only regional Botanic gardens on the Northern Beaches left. It has taken over half a century to develop & nurture, and it's everyone's responsibility to protect the garden for the future.. This includes considering what developments are on its boundaries.

Our large and ever increasing group of residents fighting to save green spaces and trees which are disappearing at alarming rate - totally object to the monstrous 8 storeys building which will create huge shading to the adjacent Stony Range reserve. And we need council to help stop this.

Excessive & increased shading which will cause damage to flora through increased dampness & reduced sunlight. The specialist microclimates in the reserve will be impacted not only in the immediate area of shading, but also in the adjacent areas.

Bad DAs decisions have long-term impacts. And destroy something that has taken years of care and much love from the community.

Please reduce the height of the development, in consultation with the Stony Range volunteers committee.

See below from council webpage:

**"Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden is an oasis of Australian native plants located at Dee Why in the heart of the northern beaches. It is famous for its spring floral displays and is the perfect place for a walk, picnic, or intimate functions such as weddings. Every year it hosts a Spring Festival.**

**The garden is jointly managed by Council and a Volunteer Advisory Committee.**

**Intricate walkways take visitors to a variety of microclimates. The main circuit takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and in 2013 was extended to include the accessible sensory track - where people of all abilities can experience the Australian bush like never before. Signs along the sensory track point to plants you can touch, taste, smell, and look at, to observe the garden with all your senses. There are also side tracks for the energetic and inquisitive.**

**Spring is the best time to view the vivid colours of the garden's fabulous floral displays. However, the beauty of the garden is breathtaking all year round."**

Thank you

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