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RE: DA2020/0552 - 181 Allambie Road ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS NSW 2100

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I strongly object to the proposed development for the following reasons:

The development site is located at the headwaters of Curl Curl Creek, which flows through Manly Warringah War Memorial Park to Manly Dam. "Curl Curl Creek is classified as a Group A creek- meaning it has very high ecological value. Generally, Group A creeks can sustain very little further development before their aquatic ecosystems will change substantially especially when they are close to natural condition and minor perturbations can have a major impact (Warringah Creek Management Strategy, 2004)." This is the sole remaining habitat in Sydney of the ancient Climbing Galaxias Fish, which was once found on many creeks in the region, prior to urban development.

This development would be located on Crown Land which was reserved for public and semi-public use.

The Rural Fires Act (Planning for Bush Fire Protection) specifically discourages locating Special Purpose Developments within bushfire prone land.

The required fire break (Asset Protection Zone) would mean the removal and modification of additional bushland in and adjoining Manly-Warringah War Memorial Park.

A total of twenty-five (25) vertebrate fauna species were recorded during the environmental field survey including five threatened fauna species." .. (amazingly, the endangered Eastern Pygmy Possum was recorded here).

Of the existing 107 trees within the relatively cleared area of the site, 85 are proposed to be removed.

Bushland and riparian buffer areas in Manly Dam Catchment should be zoned E2 for conservation not R2 (residential).

Increase in stormwater erosion and urban pollutants would put at risk downstream areas (as happened at Manly Vale Public School)

Manly Warringah War Memorial State park is currently being nominated for National Heritage listing. The proposed development is not compatible with the high conservation values of the adjoining reserve.

Manly Warringah War Memorial Park was gazetted as a State Park in April 2017. The intent was to provide better conservation status.

The entirety of the park is a living war memorial. All negative impacts degrade the war memorial.

One of the wonderful attributes of Manly Dam Reserve is that it is large enough for bushwalkers to experience being surrounded by bushland as far as the eye can see; however this proposed new development will likely be visible from much of the reserve, a jarring intrusion upon a natural landscape. Yet the applicant has not even submitted a Visual Impact Assessment.

There has been more than enough infringement and piecemeal chipping away of bushland in the catchment since the Dam was built in 1892, mostly since the 1970s, including Ardel-Madison on Aquatic Drive in 1999; the Northern Beaches Hospital (which destroyed an Endangered Ecological Community after being granted 'State Significant' status thus overriding environmental protection regulations); NBH associated roadworks since 2014; and recently Manly Vale School re-development which proceeded after gaining compulsory acquisition of several hectares of pristine bushland of the Reserve in 2017.

Please reject this development application which would further impact Manly-Warringah War Memorial Park, one of the most outstanding bushland reserves left on the Northern Beaches.