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RE: REV2021/0006 - 181 Allambie Road ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS NSW 2100

Review No: 2021/0006 Seniors Housing
Address: 181 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights
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I wish to strongly object to the proposed seniors housing complex of 24 units, a communal building, car park and related infrastructure to be developed on Crown Land adjoining the environmentally-sensitive Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park. The park is of considerable value for its rich biodiversity, and as home to numerous endangered species, as well as for its active and passive recreational value due to the high quality of its natural environment. Given the connectivity of this development site to this high value protected park and the expected impact on its ecosystems, its impacts would be unacceptable. I also object on the ground that this is public land, intended for the public good, not commercial gain. The maintenance of the environmental integrity of the Manly Warringah War Memorial State Park is one such important public good.

In particular, I object to the proposed removal of native vegetation that would negatively impact on native flora and fauna, including threatened species, especially at a time when the Northern Beaches LGA is experiencing a net loss of its bushland and tree canopy, with wide scale development and road works (such as the loss of bush for the Northern Beaches Hospital road development).

I am concerned that the land to be developed is mapped as Waterways and Riparian Lands, making up part of the riparian buffer zone to Curl Curl Creek. This means the development would lead to negative downstream impacts on the riparian vegetation and aquatic habitat within Manly Warringah War Memorial Park, including the endangered Gondwana-era galaxis brevipinnis. I hope that previous refusals for this proposal will be upheld.