
Sent: 10/08/2023 3:10:04 PM

Subject: DA2022/0145 - 4 Delmar Pde. Dee Why - Impacts on Stony Range Botanic Garden

To whom it may concern,

I understand that the exhibition period on DA 2022/0145 has closed but would appreciate councils consideration to my submission regarding this development in relation to the Stony Range Regional Botanical Garden. Having only recently heard that Stony Range Botanic Garden is under threat from Graham Ross's Garden Clinic program, I would like to request a review of the determination:

My great uncle, Alec Blombery was one of the pioneers and founding members of this area and could see the potential of the disused stone quarry and knew how to remedy the area using native plants. I don't think that he could envisage the significance of this area in terms of community use, and highlighting our native flora at a time when other styles of plants were in vogue.

After looking at the plans for the multi-story developments, it is clear that there will be shadowing on the Stony Range Regional Botanical Garden and this will be detrimental to the survival of its historical flora. This will not only impact it's use from within the community, it will impact the workload of it's volunteers who have maintained the area with dedication for decades.

Green spaces are pivotal to suburban communities, especially when there is urban density. You only need to look at the educational programs, weddings and bush walks held in the garden to understand this and the use will also be under threat from the shadowing. I also feel that this botanical garden has major historical significance as one of Sydney's first examples of regenerating an unused stone quarry area using Australian native plants for the future. This should not be overlooked.

I ask that council re-consider the development or at the very least consider reducing the number of story's on this development or create a safer distance of its existence in relation to the Stony Range Regional Botanical Garden.

I note that Aquila Ecological Surveys (AES) was contracted by Landmark Group to address the concerns raised by Council and assess the impact of the proposed neighbouring development, could council please request an independent report that is not funded by the developer? I also note a list of plants that the author of this report has listed 4 threatened native species that have not been considered significant as they are not endemic. I find this baffling, especially when we look back historically at the origins of the botanic garden and choice of plants to counter act the effects of the stone quarry. While council may consider that the height of these developments meets the requirements technically, at a local level we know that the development is not considered to be in the public interest at all and that gardens were never designed to withstand such amounts of shadowing.

It would be a great loss if this development were to go ahead and I believe that the Stony Range Regional Botanical Garden should be protected from anything that will harm or impact detrimentally it's flora, fauna and use.

The rainforest gully in this botanic garden is regarded as one of Alec Blombery's greatest achievements at Stony Range. What a shame to think that this great achievement will become the biggest blight on the Northern Beaches Council if this development is to progress.

Kind regards

Jeremy Maitland



Virus-free www.avast.com