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RE: DA2020/1163 - 24 Wandeen Road CLAREVILLE NSW 2107

G'day Megan

I am writing to you as a young Australian, member of our Pittwater community and volunteer WIRES carer who cherishes our country and wildlife and must express my strong opposition and to be honest, disgust in light of the continued destruction of natural heritage and wildlife across the Northern Beaches.. unanimous with DA approvals and in this specific instance for 24 Wandeen Road Clareville. It is absurd at this point of time where we are deep into a climate and biodiversity emergency, where there has never been less habitat, less wildlife and more death and destruction of both that this is continued from local council to state and federal government action, despite enormous community resentment. I very recently stopped and took footage of this block upon noticing the DA which had been added to the 'SOLD' sign, knowing this suggest imminent death for the longstanding native trees and wildlife which call this area home. Not surprisingly, I found a fresh kill (rabbit) from one of our few and threatened Powerful Owls at the base of the largest spotted gum, not to mention the many birds including newly fledged (baby) magpie and its family using the very rare area safe from car, dogs and cats. The cumulative age of this block of trees is thousands of years, trees cannot be replaced nor replanted (nor with the proposed plans would that even be included!!)...the human race has become nigh masters of many things but TIME will never be one of them, and that is an integral and unwavering factor in the value of habitat. Spotted Gum Forest is an endangered ecological habitat and despite this I see and hear spotted gums and their floral community thrown into the woodchippers and destroyed every single day in this area, almost always needlessly for some petty individual's reason. It does not get any more selfish, petty and quite frankly insane to destroy our local natural heritage for some selfish abomination of economic expression at the detriment to our community, our wildlife and the neighboring families whose homes will be horribly affected forever. A particularly disgusting recent example of this was the total decimation of 25 Plateau Road for another selfish, naïve and infuriating show of economic expression and disregard for wildlife, flora and our community which has ruined the living environment of neighboring families and wildlife and alarmingly permitted by council at the fury of our local community. If these people who bought this block want to join our community, they certainly have the money to buy an already existing home to alter to their liking.. rather than be un-Australian, selfish cheapskates and destroy natural heritage, homes of wildlife and living experience of their neighbors to save themselves money. This DA cannot be approved, it is abhorrently below any minimal level of consideration for natural heritage, wildlife and the surrounding community.. if anything the block should be secured by council/state government to be a small reserve able to be used by wildlife (and corridor to Angophora reserve!), the community as well as be a much appreciated rest stop for the many who brave walking up Wandeen Road! Alike other reserves, installing commemorative benches and bush regeneration would bring benefits to all, rather than just the financial gain of one and the irreplaceable losses to many. NB Council is failing our community in regards to our incredible natural heritage, wildlife and community by favoring development and destruction. We need

our canopy and continuity of vegetation improved and restored, not destroyed.. Ku-Ring Gai Council is using satellite imagery to identify and restore losses in wildlife corridors and tree canopy while protecting what natural heritage remains... that's the council we need.. Please do not approve this DA, it is wrong in so many ways.