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Subject: attention Rebecca Englund

Attachments: submission NB Council 79 Cabbagae Tree Rd pittwater gardens Sept 2018.docx;

Please see attached submission re DA for 79 Cabbage Tree Road Bayview Marita Macrae

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September 19 2018

The Acting General Manager Northern Beaches Council Pittwater Rd Dee Why

## RE: RE: Mod2018/0327 - 79 Cabbage Tree Road BAYVIEW NSW 2104

Pittwater Natural Heritage Association objects to the modifications of this development application and supports objection to the development by Northern Beaches Council natural environment unit staff.

Our concern is with the destruction or modification of 2.6 ha bushland, an outcome of the development which is inconsistent with the desired outcomes of the Pittwater LEP and Pittwater 21 DCP.

While the focus of comment and assessment of this bushland is on particular and endangered species such as large forest owls, this bushland needs to be conserved in good condition in its entirety as habitat for their prey species such as the Common Ringtail Possum. Nesting hollows are only one habitat need

The land is part of a broad swathe of bushland on the slopes behind Mona Vale which includes Katandra Bushland Sanctuary and bushland in Walana Crescent. Its quality and extent make it vital to conserve in perpetuity as a large bushland area with a good area to edge ratio.

We hope that Northern Beaches Council may be able to come to some arrangement with the proponents of the DA for a land swap and similar.

We look forward to your response.

Marita Macrae

Chairperson Pittwater Natural Heritage Association