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Subject: OBJECTION TO DA2020-0552 - 181 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached my objection to the above project.

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

I strongly object to DA 2020/0552 181 ALLAMBIE RD for the reasons outlined below:

I have lived in the North Balgowlah area since 1980... indeed, it was the Manly Dam and its surrounding bushland which brought my husband and I to this unique, natural, fresh-water catchment area. Manly Dam itself is the last place in Sydney where humans can still swim in unpolluted fresh water.

It is my belief that the development and intensity of use associated with the 24 apartments (with 2-3 bedrooms) would have **detrimental impacts** on bushland areas in, and adjoining, the Manly Warringah War Memorial Park. The impacts are not compatible with conservation values of Curl Curl Creek Catchment and Manly Warringah War Memorial Park.

Over the decades I have observed the **destructive creep** of various developments such as the Ardel Housing Development and Manly Vale Public School Expansion, and their impacts on this irreplaceable natural bushland. Despite very vocal community objections these developments have gone ahead to the detriment of the area.

My objections are, in principle, the same for this new development as they were in the past.

This land was set aside in the 1920's to be protected for generations to come. The Manly Warringah War Memorial Park was identified as a **Heritage Conservation Area** established with the stimulus of Tony Abbott, our local member at the time... the only war memorial in Australia to be created by conserving natural bushland. The entirety of the Park acts therefore as the Memorial and should be protected at all costs.

The proposed development is on **bush-fire-prone land** (not recommended for seniors' housing). To manage and maintain fire fuel levels at less than 10t/ha significant culling will be required ... this being on a site which contains bushland adjoining The Manly Warringah War Memorial Park.

The removal of vegetation will **impact on the rich biodiversity** of this area which is the habitat of native fauna, including eight threatened species as identified in the proponent's own biodiversity assessments.

The current weed and deterioration of some of the site indicates that existing **environmental management strategies do not work**. More development will cause even more deterioration, as, clearing the edge of the park by removal of shrub and canopy layers, takes away an important vegetative buffer creating cumulative land degradation.

This fact is acknowledged by the EA outline regarding the purchasing Bio-banking credits... I have no confidence in this management proposal

A **loss of 85 trees** from an existing 107 is not only detrimental to existing flora and fauna, but at a time of global warming is not wise.

The **sensitivity of water catchment** means that even small land-use changes can substantially affect aquatic ecosystems. The destruction from extensive building excavation radically alters the natural landscape, topography and hydrology of the site. The Protection of Waterways and Riparian Lands Policy states that: "Development within waterways and riparian land should be avoided".

An impeller is already installed in Manly Dam to manage previous disruptions to water quality. There is no doubt that this project has potential contamination and adulteration of natural areas downstream in the Manly Warringah War Memorial Park.

This unique area needs to be cherished and protected. I strongly object to the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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