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Subject: Attention Julie Edwards RE: DA2021/1176 Lot 1 DP 634291....201 McCarrs Creek Road Church Point Construction of a Driveway.

11 August 2021

Attention: Julie Edwards

NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Application No. DA2021/1176 Address: Lot 1 DP 634291 201 McCarrs Creek Road CHURCH POINT Description: Construction of a driveway and associated earthworks

Dear Julie

With reference to the above listed DA2021/1176

I strongly object and believe that this development of the driveway and associated earthworks.

Should not be allowed to proceed under any circumstances.

THE PROPOSED CONCRETE DRIVEWAY, WITH ITS CONCRETE RETAINING WALL UP TO 1.8 METRES HIGH, WILL CAUSE **STORMWATER RUNOFF PROBLEMS** WHEN RAIN HITS THE NEW HARD, IMPERVIOUS DRIVEWAY SURFACE THE WATER WILL BE CHANNELED DOWN THE DRIVEWAY AND ACROSS THE PUBLIC ROAD IN VERY FAST LARGE VOLUMES ONTO MY PROPERTY 152 McCARRS CREEK ROAD AND STRAIGHT DOWN MY DRIVEWAY THEN ACROSS MY LAND WHICH IS ALSO ON A SLOPE AND OTHER PROPERTIES ON THE LOWER SIDE OF McCARRS CREEK ROAD, CHURCH POINT.

Northern Beaches Council have the responsibility to take action on stormwater from one property across a public road onto another property or properties causing stormwater physical damage to land or building on the other land.

McCARRS CREEK ROAD, CHURCH POINT HAS NO KERB AND GUTTERS NO STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS IN PLACE FOR THIS PROPOSED DRIVEWAY AND THE VOLUME OF WATER.

THE WATERCOURSE DOWN THE ROAD ALREADY HAS HAD PROBLEMS MANAGING HIGH EXCESSIVE VOLUMES OF STORMWATER.

There is a requirement of the DA to maintain, enhance the natural environment and especially to maintain the tree canopy.

1. I believe these trees were illegally and totally cleared which were mature endemic species and all the undergrowth where the proposed development of the driveway and associated earthworks.

This was critical habitat for the native wildlife in the area. <u>We have the Native Brush-tailed</u> <u>Phascogale a tree-dwelling marsupial carnivore which is extremely rare</u> that lives in this area which used <u>these trees as a corridor during the night to travel.</u> The Glossy black Cockatoo fed on these large Casuraina trees (She-oak) that were removed from the property by tree loppers in March 2021. Many mature turpentine trees were removed and large old Gum trees also removed totally destroying homes for many native animals and birds that live here and use these trees.

Due to the removal of all these trees on and just before March 2021 which Northern Beaches Council were advised and asked to act while the trees were being removed.

2. These trees on the property were a natural solution on the land for stormwater runoff. Like other plant roots, tree roots help absorb filter runoff and holds the soil in place. Tree canopies also slow rainfall and spread it over a larger area. In terms of flooding, the unimpeded raindrop impact on bare ground leads to HEAVY EROSION and QUICK RUNOFF this is a very steep block that has had dirt moved by an earth mover to support this PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT of the DRIVEWAY which I believe is not stable.

3. As I have experienced down my driveway first hand **NOW** there is a problem the last rain since the dirt had been moved on the hill we were overwhelmed by muddy water due to erosion and leaving the land exposed and unstable due to the trees being removed to make way for the new proposed development of a driveway and an extra volume of stormwater run off down my driveway over my stair cases which caused a hazard walking and driving down my driveway. I had to high pressure the dirt and pollutants to use my driveway safely. The muddy stormwater also had ended up at my front door as my property is also on a slope which has never happened before.

4. The subject sight for the PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT of the DRIVEWAY is very steep and needs advanced native trees to be replanted to stop more erosion and possible landslip due to many trees that have been removed, the run off, of stormwater from this now exposed, denuded steep hillside during rain is totally unacceptable and will cause a number of environmental problems.



5. There is no notice on his driveway for the proposed development of the driveway.

6. New stairs have been constructed to the house and I believe haven't been approved.

In the picture below and above you can see the amount of mature trees that were cleared since March 2021.

The existing driveway wall you can see where the muddy stormwater overflowed and straight on to McCarrs Creek Road, due to the tree removal plus there still is a lot of water behind that wall that is still slowly leaking.



7. I was under the impression that the previous DA approval for the existing driveway to a double garage plus a hardstand that is used for the home was approved by Pittwater Council under strict conditions not to be widen or extended to stop the possibility of a subdivision at a later date as the infrastructure proposal will allow now if this driveway is approved as the land is large enough to do so.

I look forward to your response thank you. Kind regards,

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