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

R/E DA 2020/0552 -181 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights NSW 2100.

I strongly object to DA2020/0552 - 181 Allambie road for the reasons outlined below.

The building of luxury retirement apartments on an area not listed as a permitted use in the low density R2 Zone (WLEP2011) should not be permitted, this development would also be located on Crown land that was reserved for public and semi public use.

This Crown land is not zoned for medium density so how could an additional 24 units possibly be approved, the removal of potentially 85 trees of 107 that are on this site and the clearing of more bushland in the Manly Dam catchment area for a APZ is both a joke and shows the contempt the state laws and the developer have for protecting this important area.

The proponents own environmental assessment of the subject site identified eight threatened species , even more than the initial application, which also shows the rich importance of this whole area.

The species identified in this area alone include the

- Eastern Pygmy possum
- Large eared pied bat
- Squared tail kite
- Grey headed flying fox
- Powerful owl
- Large bent winged bat
- Littlebent winged bat
- Red crowned toadlet

The development will result in the loss of potential breeding habitat for the threatened species and the grass Swale habitat for the Red crowned toadlet will be entirely removed as a result of the proposal, much the same as the loss of the Pygmy possum and frog habitat when the Manly Vale public school debacle was allowed To go ahead.

Also this development being at the headwaters to Curl Curl creek and with the clearing of bushland in this riparian zone for the development and the associated runoff into this creek which is home to the unique Galaxias climbing fish is unacceptable in this day and age, no amount of runoff mitigation will work and will have dire consequences for this species and other invertibre that live in this creek.

This crown land was set aside in the 1920s to be protected for generations to come, Manly Dam Reserve is also a "living" war memorial and is the only war memorial in Australia to be created by conserving natural bushland, the entirety of the park acts therefore as a memorial, also with the building of the new hospital, the potential tunnel across middle harbour with exhaust stacks to be located next to or in the Manly Dam catchment area, the possibility of Wakehurst Parkway being widened and the possible relocation of Forest high school to the old aquatics Centre site potentially adds an enormous amount of pressure on the Dam area and the flora and fauna that calls it home.

This is a truly unique area which I still visit with my family when I come over from Western Australia and have been helping to protect since the first Save Manly Dam protests started over 25 years ago, please protect this area,

Kind regards, Stephen Gray.