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Dear Planning Executive,

I am a local Dee Why resident and have enjoyed the magical, therapeutic and educational qualities - the 'Stony Range Botanical Gardens' possess.

For years my young son enjoyed this sacred garden and is now at 14 - a volunteer. When I have observed visitors wandering through the garden trails or contemplative by the ponds/plants, they are impressed by the uniqueness and holiness of 'Stony Range'. To find an 'Oasis' off a major traffic thoroughfare is rare. To find such a sanctuary is a great offering to our local community.

I refer to the proposed Residential Development of heights much greater than the Height and Boundary lines existing.

This desire to create 6-8 storeys, especially positioned from the vital North aspect of the Garden's boundary line is very concerning.

I have observed and taken photos(2-4) of the morning shadowing in (near mid winter, July 10th at 9.10am. The current building is 2.5 storeys with shadows cast above the public pathway. The sun image above building (9.10am) demonstrates how an excessively high complex will eliminate a vital light source to lower/mid garden zones for much of the Winter/Spring days. The plant clustered nature shot seen, will inevitably be plunged into darkness, ultimately depriving flora and fauna to flourish. I suspect the long term impacts will be devastating to the healthy survival of this intricate ecosystem. Even midday shadows appear to long off the building face in Winter onwards.

The careful planning of garden nature and intimate/retreat like seating and child play areas are orientated to this northern face and central pond zone.

Many annual activities and events will be held in complete darkness with an outlook, not onto skies, but a vast concrete precipice. Photos 5&6 are taken at 4pm adjacent to the current building face. All this afternoon lighting will be no more and blocked out many hours before. The entire experience and atmosphere of these Garden zones will be sadly depleted.

The Plaque (Photo 1) endorsed by The Commonwealth Government and then Warringah Council have declared such an important initiative for the local area and Sydney. Donations from local persons and the layering of years of careful and considered thought, planning and labour has made 'The Stony Range Gardens' what is indeed today. The inherent values and meanings engraved in this 'Plaque' should be upheld. For the sake of the healthy functioning of the Garden ecosystem and the ongoing psychological and social benefits that

serve the citizens of the Northern Beaches and beyond.

Yours Sincerely,

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CENTENARY OF FEDERATION CASCADES

Built by Stony Range Flora and Fauna Reserve Volunteers
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On behalf of the Member for Westleigh

The Hon Tony Abbott MP
on Sunday 26th November, 2001

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