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Subject: DA2020/0552 - Demolition works and construction of a Seniors Living Development

Dear Sir Madam

We have only just been made aware of this application as although we live close to the development location we are just outside the notification area.

We object to the selling of Crown Land lost to public recreation and enjoyment. We regularly enjoy walks through this area which is not fenced and will lose this opportunity when the development is done.

We object to the loss of 85 mature trees. Although the applicant proposes replacement trees, this is not the same as old growth trees which have hollows and nooks for native animals and birds. New trees will take decades to develop these hollows and habitats. What happens to those native animals in the meantime? The endangered Eastern Pygmy Possum have been found on the site.

We object to the immense increase in hard paved impermeable area. There will be a huge increase in stormwater run-off and silt into the Manly Dam area from this land. It will add to the risk to the fragile eco system of the Dam which includes the rare and wonderful Climbing Galaxias fish which requires clear silt-free water to feed. It would be a loss to future generations to lose this incredible species.

We object to the immense size of the construction work which, despite usual erosion and sediment control, during very heavy rain events will inevitably cause silt and runoff into the Manly Dam area.

The Crown Land should permanently be retained for the public recreation and benefit and not sold for government profit. The development of this land is a loss to future generations and can never be taken back. It ideally should be added into the Manly Dam reserve.

During Covid times the Manly Dam area has had greatly increased use by the local population for cycling, walking, running and picnicking - most important during these times for our mental health as well as our physical health. Why are we chipping away at Manly Dam's edges when every outdoor recreational resource we still have in Sydney has been shown to be more valuable than ever?

Yours sincerely

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