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

To the Assessing Officer,
Northern Beaches Council

Re: Development application No: 2020/0552
Address: 181 Allambie Road, Allambie Heights Development

I strongly object to DA 2020/0552 181 ALLAMBIE RD for the following reasons:-

1. This proposal is for a development on Crown Land which is adjacent to sensitive bushland and is in a bushfire prone area. This Crown Land has been set aside for public use and is not zoned for medium density urban development.
2. Approving senior citizen developments on bushfire prone land has been strongly opposed by authorities who have had to deal with the devastation caused by these sorts of developments in other areas. Establishing an APZ is not sufficient protection for the residents.
3. The clearing for the development and the required APZ would have seriously negative impacts on the adjacent bushland that cannot be successfully mitigated against by using biodiversity credits.
4. Bushland adjacent to this site, and down the slope from it, contains at least eight threatened species - particularly the Galaxias Climbing fish which is an incredibly important remnant species which is a Gondwanan relic- thought to have survived in this creek for 60 million years. It climbs up sheer rocks using its fins and breathes through its skin, but its continued existence depends on clean unsullied freshwater.
5. The impact of the construction and subsequent intensive use of this site would contribute unacceptably to pollution of the sensitive waterways of Curl Curl Creek, Manly Dam and Manly Lagoon.
6. The negative impacts of approving this development cannot be successfully mitigated against by imposing Conditions.
7. Clearing of riparian areas in the upper reaches of Curl Curl Creek and Manly Dam must be avoided as to protect the catchment from unacceptable impacts.
8. Steep land in the upper reaches of this catchment is prone to erosion and any disturbance on these upper reaches can cause serious contamination of the waterways downstream.

9. This land is currently providing an important buffer between suburbia and the bushland within the Manly Dam catchment. It is not acceptable to remove this buffer and create a new interface between suburbia and bushland.

10. Removing 80% of the tree cover on the site would have a serious impact for local fauna and would reduce the overall tree cover of North Beaches LGA which is necessary to maintain and enhance to provide healthy air and water.

I trust that Northern Beaches Council will refuse this proposal.
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