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I wish to lodge my protest at the development application for a large 8 and 5 story complex being planned for the northern side of Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden - DA2022/0145, on the grounds of:

- . Overshadowing of the Stony Range Botanic Garden;
- . Loss of airflow for the Stony Range Botanic Garden;
- . Damage to roots of long established plants in Stony Range Botanic Garden, due to excavation of the adjoining site of the development;
- . Alteration of water table and water flow in the Stony Range Botanic Garden;
- . Loss of parking for volunteers and visitors to Stony Range Botanic Garden; and
- . Degrading an existing Regional Botanic Garden.

Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden is one of only two Regional Botanic Gardens in the Northern Beaches area, and is the only one solely devoted to the Australian bushland. Stony Range is one of the few large open spaces in the already built up area of Dee Why. Stony Range is used by residents and visitors alike and it is now threatened to be dominated on the northern side by 8 and 5 story high walls of apartments unless changes are made to the development application.

The current design in DA2022/0145, as it stands, impacts on the environment and heritage value of the garden and, with shadow in winter, affects the plants, as well as the picnic area. Overshadowing will result in fewer visitors and events as well as retarding the growth of plants.

This large development would leave limited spaces in the small Stony Range parking area for Stony Range visitors and volunteers, parking being taken up, firstly by construction workers (which has happened previously) and subsequently by visitors to the proposed complex as well as the residents with their extra cars.

In 1959, Councillor Joe Corkery was instrumental in setting up Stony Range, and it has become as much used and much loved public asset for the community, with significant heritage value to the community.

The proposed developers have even gone so far as to use Stony Range as part of their marketing, although their development will adversely affect Stony Range.

I request Northern Beaches Council save the Stony Range Botanic Garden in its current state without interference from the proposed development application.

I have been visiting Stony Range Botanic Garden for close on forty years and have enjoyed the safe, protected environment, of the peaceful bushland, which is now under threat.

Northern Beaches Council always says its protecting the environment, even though it recently gave approval for land designed "Open Space" to be built on, namely the old North Manly Bowling site greens, on which will be built facilities for gymnastics, thus decreasing the land zoned open space in the council area.

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