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

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I strongly object to DA 2020/0552 181 ALLAMBIE RD for the reasons outlined below:

- Ecological impacts: I am a local resident and regularly visit Manly Dam and walk in the surrounding bushland. I am so grateful to have access to this beautiful, biodiverse natural treasure. Every time I am there I see so many families and friends recreating and enjoying this remarkable public space. It is the extent and diversity of the Manly Dam bushland which makes it so special. However, with each encroaching development, this area becomes smaller and more degraded. So many people, plants and animals benefit from Manly Dam's exquisite natural values - they should be protected and enhanced, not further eroded for private benefit. The loss of trees and habitat, probable weed incursion and other boundary impacts associated with the proposal, mean it should not be approved.

- Water quality impacts: This land is in an identified riparian zone and disturbance and clearing will lead to increased sedimentation and pollution of this catchment. I love swimming in Manly Dam and often think of the extremely rare Climbing Galaxias fish, which is thought to have survived in Curl Curl Creek for 60 million years. The amenity and biodiversity benefits of maintaining the high water quality of Manly Dam and Curl Curl Creek mean this development should not be approved.

- Bushfire prone land: Approving retirement housing development this close to established bushland is not responsible from a bushfire risk perspective.

I strongly object to this proposal. Please do not allow it to proceed.

Thank you for considering my submission.