

---

**Sent:** 8/07/2023 2:01:38 PM  
**Subject:** Stony Range Additional Submission DA2022/0145  
**Attachments:** DA2022-0145 additional SR Submission .docx;

Attached is an additional submission from the Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden Committee in response to DA/2022/0145

Thank you,

Eleanor Eakins  
Hon Secretary  
Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden Committee



# STONY RANGE REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDEN

810 Pittwater Rd Dee Why

Friday 7 July 2023

## **DA2022/0145 – 4 Delmar Pde. Dee Why – Impacts on Stony Range**

**Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden is very much against the proposed design of 5 and 8 storey buildings on their northern border.**

Stony Range, on Pittwater Rd Dee Why, was set aside for the study of flora and fauna in 1957 and was officially opened in 1961 as a Flora and Fauna Reserve. It was given the status of a Regional Botanic Garden of Australian Bushland in 2006.

It has been developed by volunteers under the auspices of firstly Warringah Shire Council, and now by the Northern Beaches Council as a 'green oasis' on the edge of a very built-up area.

Stony Range is shared by both locals and visitors alike and is appreciated by all with its accessible paths, trees, cascades, Sandstone outcrops, wildlife, plant nursery and children's areas as well as offering places of quiet contemplation.

**Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden is very much opposed to the proposed development for the following reasons:**

1. The height of the 5 and 8 storey buildings, planned to overlook the entrance and the communal areas of Stony Range, would dominate the site and downgrade the visual impact of the Botanic Garden with no pleasing spatial or landscape transition between the proposed development and Stony Range.
2. In winter, the lower communal areas, especially the picnic area, would be in shadow. This would lead to fewer visitors and events.  
Stony Range, as a Regional Botanic Garden, is more than just 'public open space' and as such should be granted the status that it deserves.  
The shadowing would also affect the growth and type of species that could be grown.
3. This large development would also impact on the small Stony Range parking area, firstly by the contractors then by visitors and residents of the apartments, leaving limited spaces for Stony Range visitors and volunteers. Approximately 75% of the car park is gazetted within the boundary of Stony Range and as such should be kept for the use of Stony Range visitors and volunteers.

**Consequently Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden strongly opposes the development of the 5 and 8 storey buildings as planned on its northern border and respectfully ask for the stepping back of the upper areas to improve the visual impact and decrease the amount of shadowing over the Botanic Garden.**

**They also ask that there be no access to the Stony Range carpark for construction vehicles and to prohibit the delivery and storage of materials in the car park for reasons of public safety, to allow parking space for volunteers and visitors to the Botanic Garden. This should be properly enforced, especially during the construction stage.**

Eleanor Eakins

Hon. Secretary

Stony Range Regional Botanic Garden Committee