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

The proposed development makes an inappropriate incursion into Manly Warringah War Memorial Park, an area under consideration for National Heritage Status in recognition of its pristine and intact bushland. Clearing valuable flora and habitat should not be allowed for any purpose, even for a fire break.

If bushfire protection is a serious enough consideration to push to remove vegetation, the development itself should be refused on safety grounds. In fact, the Rural Fires Act (Planning for Bush Fire Protection) specifically discourages locating Special Purpose Developments within bushfire prone land.

These are trees many vertebrate fauna species need to shelter in, and removal of habitat for threatened species including the endangered Eastern Pygmy Possum, is unthinkable. Once gone, these trees and bushland can never be replaced.

On site, removing 85 of the existing 107 trees surveyed should be disallowed. Conservation of biodiversity and bushland should be the overriding principle in this area.

Curl Curl Creek flows into Manly Dam through Manly Warringah War Memorial Park, with the proposed development situated in the headwaters of the catchment area. We have seen the erosion and pollution caused by other large-scale development in the area such as Manly Vale Public School, and this should be avoided at all costs.

As for land use - given the proposed location is Crown Land, usage should be reserved for public and shared-use purposes. This park is a war memorial honouring those who defended our country and gave their lives for our country. It is a place of peaceful contemplation that should not be degraded by incremental development.

I urge decision-makers to consider the issues raised by those who value the place the most. Refuse this development and zone the site appropriately for conservation purposes.