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To Northern Beaches Council

Please accept my submission regarding the development application for the property adjacent to Stony Range Botanical Garden.

It is attached with the name

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Thank you,

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Judith Bennett

Submission regarding DA2022/0145 - 4 Delmar Pde, Dee Why

From Judith Bennett, 19 Elliot St, Beacon Hill, 2100

Stony Range Regional Botanic Gardens is a valued resource, created by the vision and devoted labours of volunteers over many years. It was a delight when it was registered as a Botanical Garden.

Over the last 50 years, I have often taken our children and subsequently our grandchildren there to explore the various pathways and enjoy the ambience. It helped inspire their interest in Australian native plants.

Stony Range is an important natural resource in our increasingly hard-surfaced urban area.

Unfortunately, permitting a multi-storeyed building next door to this wonderful place would change the environment in ways that would be detrimental to the natural values of this place that so many of us value. It would reduce the amount of sunlight reaching the gardens and picnic area.

Reduction in the amount natural sunlight would have a detrimental impact on the Australian native plants within the Botanical Garden.

I urge Council staff and councillors to show that they share the vision and values embodied in Stony Range and reject this Development Application – or insist that it be redesigned to be below the level that could cause ANY shading at ANY time of any part of the Stony Range Botanical Garden.

People come to Stony Range to feel immersed in a natural world, to retreat from the urbanised landscape of Dee Why. Allowing such a high building right beside Stony Range would impact the visitors to this place and reduce the pleasant character of the current parking area and entrance.

Conclusion

Northern Beaches Council is aware of the values our natural environment and outdoor recreational spaces and their stated objective is to protect those places.

I ask the staff and councillors to uphold the Council commitments and insist that the owners of the adjacent property revise their plans in ways that will ensure the ongoing values of Stony Range into the future