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**RE: DA2017/1274 - 52 Cabbage Tree Road BAYVIEW NSW 2104**

Even though I do not live in the area, this issue is extremely important as systemic to what is happening throughout the country. Where I live on the northern end of the Gold Coast, council has allowed large scale urban development to happen to the detriment of wildlife corridors and the protection of many species. It is fast becoming an urban sprawl with excessive land clearing, a bare earth policy of development with clearing of all trees on areas of development and the use of density housing. This is why Australia has become the worst country in the world for extinction of species. Developers are running rife with little accountability for the destruction they cause. There needs to be habitat protection as a fundamental and consistent planning principle in all regions and sectors, and the amendment of state-based animal welfare legislation to include an enforceable duty of care towards our native animals.