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

Dear Sir/Madam, I am a member of Bayview golf club and would like to make a submission regarding the proposed development.

While I have a strong belief in maintaining our natural habitat I have reviewed the plans put forward by the developer and the golf club and do not believe that they will have a deleterious effect on either the local amenity or the provision of habitat for local native animals. I believe that the application by the developer and the changes to the golf course need to be viewed as a whole and the combination of environmental plantings, drainage & water course improvements and vegetation changes will actually improve the environmental outcomes for the area as a whole.

Equally, the development will help to shore up the future of the Bayview Golf Club and maintain the vast majority of the open space as a golf course. It is difficult to imagine what would become of this piece of land if the club were to fall into financial ruin. I can only imagine that in the long run it would be developed in a much more comprehensive fashion that what has been described in this development application.

I would also like to comment on the importance of the golf club to the local community. While the vast majority of members are northern beaches locals (such as myself) who enjoy the benefits of club membership, the club also provides a social hub for the surrounding community. The club is a constant venue for social functions that are open to both members and non-members alike. I have personally witnessed many groups of visitors from, for example, local aged care facilities that use the club for group lunches; local family's that attend the FREE children's movie nights or even local families that have used the club as a venue to host commemorations such as wakes, birthdays or even weddings. The club is an affordable option for many events in a market that is becoming increasingly expensive.

While the club is nominally a "private" golf club the club is in no way catering to an elite clientele. The golf course is open to visitors and guests and a large number of tee times are set aside for social golfers thus perpetuating the future of golf on the northern beaches. The club professional also runs several juniors clinics and is providing an organised sporting option for many families in the area. The club remains one of the more affordable clubs in the area and, given the aging demographics of the area, should continue to play an important role in the local community.

With the completion of the development we will not only ensure that the club continues to play a vital role in the local community it will add much needed housing stock targeted at an aging demographic, it will improve environmental outcomes and ensure that the golf course remains an attractive open space adding to the amenity of a beautiful area.