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Subject: Objection to proposed DA2017/1274 52 Cabbage Tree Rd Bayview

Re: DA2017/1274 52 Cabbage Tree Road Bayview

The revised plans do nothing to address any issues in the previous objection other than bulk which is still of unacceptable dimensions.

At the Planning Panel meeting, I objected on the grounds of acid sulfate soils. The digging and removal of soil will still create acidification of the ground because exposure of previously buried sulfides will cause oxidation to sulfates and hence creation of sulfuric acid. This will lower pH level thus killing plant life and poisoning fauna which come into contact with acidified water.

The genie, once out of the bottle, cannot be put back! Acid sulfate soils once created are permanent!

If there were no other point on which to object, the problem of acid sulfate soils should be sufficient to stop the development. However there are other issues.

Firstly the development is illegal. An SCC should not have been issued in the first place and now it is blatantly obvious that the hearing before the LEC has been brought forward so that it can occur before the SCC expires in March 2019.

Other issues of concern include the disturbance to wildlife. The corridor will be blocked rather than created as has been claimed by the developer. This will occur because mature tree removal will destroy homes for wildlife and the building of the development will change the environment as a result of noise, light & its physical presence which will drive wildlife away.

I feel the golfers have been hoodwinked - they will lose part of their amenity for the duration of the build & they will lose permanently the pretty, pristine environment on the western side of Cabbage Tree Rd.

Another most important point concerns the removal and dumping of soil. This soil will be spread over the golf course, raising its level and removing the flood prone nature of the course. The obvious corollary to this is that the flood water must go somewhere and it will now drain onto Cabbage Tree Rd and Parkview Rd. I shudder to think that this would create a second Wakehurst Parkway which floods and must be closed to traffic. Since Cabbage Tree Rd is already a very busy thoroughfare (on average 400 vehicles each way pass through the roundabout at the intersection with Samuel St each hour) the closure due to flooding would be more than a mere inconvenience to traffic.

Sincerely

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