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

To see the ongoing attack on the bushland of the Northern Beaches is not only devastating, it is frustrating. Hospitals, schools and seniors accommodation are used as Trojan Horse developments to open up untouched areas of wildlife habitat. It is long past time for the legislation that grants these types of developments 'exemptions' to be changed as they are clearly being abused; both by government (Northern Beaches Hospital, Manly Vale Public School) and by developers, such as the lot behind this proposal.

I strongly object to DA1274/2017 to develop 7 apartment buildings in the middle of the designated high priority wildlife corridor home to many vulnerable species. This is Biodiversity land and should not be destroyed by this 85 Unit development that will most certainly push many of the surviving unique native animals and birds to local extinction. This development will compound the damage done by the Northern Beaches Hospital in Frenchs 'Forest' where they permanently severed what remained of an essential wildlife corridor.

Since European settlement, native ecosystems and species in NSW have suffered massive losses. Almost 40% of all native vegetation has been cleared, and what's left is highly damaged or degraded. Less than one tenth is in good condition; so we have an URGENT need to preserve and rehabilitate and we MUST stop further deforestation.

Since 1788, Australians have wiped out more than 100 species forever. We have paid a huge price for mass land clearing, introduction of new 'invasive' species, and changed fire management.

More than 1000 species, including 60% of all mammal species, are now threatened with extinction. And this is all happening before the escalation of a deadly new threat: human-induced climate change. Climate change threatens species and ecosystems by changing the fundamental conditions required for survival. Rising temperatures, falling rainfall (and changed rainfall patterns), rising sea levels, and more intense wildfires are happening across the state, pushing species to the edge of extinction.

Some species, however, cannot and will not move fast enough. The specific conditions some need will simply cease to exist, and when we clear wildlife habitat we are accelerating this process.

I am sure that those who are preparing to see out their days on this earth in a retirement village such as this DO NOT wish for their apartment to contribute to the permanent local extinction of the biodiversity we are so lucky to have on the Northern Beaches, nor for this development to degrade the bushland so that future generations may never enjoy it.

Please DENY this DA and ensure the legislation that allowed it to be submitted is urgently updated to protect our wildlife habitat.