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RE: PEX2025/0001 - 13 Wilga Street INGLESIDE NSW 2101

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to object to the proposed development adjacent to the Serbian Orthodox Church of St Sava and community hall in Ingleside, as per the development application currently under consideration by Northern Beaches Council.

Our Church and community centre, established in 1949, is a long-standing, thriving Christian community and cultural hub, supporting one of the largest ethnic minority communities on the Northern Beaches. Over 160 children attend weekly activities on our site, including Serbian language classes, traditional dance lessons, and Orthodox Christian scripture. This space is vital for preserving cultural heritage and providing safe, community-oriented activities for our youth and families.

I strongly urge Council to take the following critical concerns into account:

1. Privacy and Safety of Children

The proposed two- and three-storey residential buildings directly bordering our Church pose serious privacy and safety risks. Balconies and upper-level windows from neighbouring properties would overlook areas where children play, dance, and learn. This level of surveillance is not appropriate or acceptable in a space dedicated to children's education and cultural development. Children deserve to feel secure and unobserved by strangers while participating in community activities.

Our Community's Historic and Ongoing Contribution

The Serbian Orthodox Church of St Sava is not just a place of worship-it is a community centre that has served generations of families in the Northern Beaches. I grew up on the northern beaches and my 3 kids attend the Church twice per week. We have strong tradition family values and have positively influenced the northern beaches over the past 100 years.

There is a lack of infrastructure and lead to significant congestion. Perhaps alternate locations should be looked at.

In Summary, We Request:

Different location be used for this development

Introduction of a buffer zone (road/land/reserve) between our Church and any new residential buildings.

Consideration of the unique and ongoing community role our Church has played since 1949

I trust that Council will consider my concerns.

Kind regards,
Vuko Tomasevic