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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed large-scale residential development at Ingleside, which would directly impact the Serbian Orthodox Church of St Sava and Community Hall, a cornerstone of our community since 1949.

Our church is not just a place of worship - it is a vital community facility, home to more than 160 children attending weekly dance classes, Serbian language lessons and Orthodox scripture classes. It is also a cultural hub where families gather for social, educational and spiritual activities that strengthen one of the Northern Beaches' largest ethnic communities.

My concerns are as follows:

1. Privacy & Safety

- The proposed two and three-storey buildings on the church boundary would overlook our property, allowing future residents to watch children as they play, dance and learn. This raises unacceptable safety and child protection risks.

2. Loss of Development Rights

- If this proposal proceeds, the church will lose the ability to expand to meet the growing needs of our community. Plans for additional classrooms, changerooms, a library, archival space, childcare and aged care facilities, as well as limited residential dwellings to support our community, would be severely restricted.

3. Restricted Operations

- With residential apartments immediately next door, long-standing activities such as music, dance, language and cultural programs - which have operated for over 75 years - risk being curtailed due to noise complaints and amenity conflicts.

4. Need for a Buffer Zone

- At minimum, a proper separation (street, reserve or green buffer) between the church and any future development is essential to preserve safety, privacy and operational independence.

5. Zoning & Legal Protections

- We respectfully request that Council consider rezoning church land to R3 to ensure the facility can grow with the community. This would allow educational, cultural and community service projects, and a small number of residential dwellings to support sustainability.
- Title encumbrances or other legal protections should be required to safeguard the church's right to continue operating without restriction from future residents.

Personal Connection

I grew up in the Northern Beaches and have a lifelong connection to the Serbian Orthodox Church of St Sava. I was christened in this church, later married here, and even after moving away to the Sutherland Shire, I returned to christen all three of my children in this same church. This is not just a building - it is part of my family's history, my cultural identity, and my spiritual foundation.

The church represents a strong, multi-generational community that has always maintained ties to the Northern Beaches, even from those who have moved away. It is a living example of how cultural, religious, and family traditions continue to flourish here.

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#### Conclusion

This proposal, in its current form, places an established and thriving Christian community at serious risk. For over 75 years, the Serbian Orthodox Church of St Sava has served generations of Northern Beaches families. Future planning should not extinguish our ability to continue this work.

I urge Council to significantly amend this proposal to protect the church's ongoing role in serving local families.

Yours faithfully,  
Ivana Josic