

33 Wesley St
Elanora 2101
16th Feb 04

Dear General Manager,

I am concerned about the proposed rezoning of the undeveloped land behind Wesley St, at Elanora and at Ingleside.

Having been a resident of Wesley St for 22 years, I have seen major fires repeatedly use this corridor of bush. Access to this bush is very limited, complicated by the division of power between the rural fire brigade and the metropolitan brigade that occurs at this site.

The area is also in the catchment for the wetlands at Warriewood and the lake at Narrabeen. Any development of this bush would result in increased siltration and the run off of pollutants to these important waterways.

Traffic can be heavy, with a large number of cars and buses using Wesley Street to access the Uniting Church Conference Centre. Residential blocks would further block an already clogged street.

Much of the area under consideration is untouched bush, providing a substantial corridor for native animals. As my home backs onto the Conference Centre, I enjoy lyrebirds, numerous Eastern water Dragons, bandicoots, possums and diamond pythons. Further development would threaten these and the numerous bird species.

Both proposals need to be considered together, as the proposed rezoning of this substantial track of land, has the potential to have a devastating effect on both the natural and man made environment.

Yours sincerely,

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