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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 residential development planned next to the Serbian Orthodox Church of St Sava and community centre in Ingleside, currently being considered by Northern Beaches Council.

Our Church, established in 1949, has stood for more than 75 years as a place of faith, belonging, and cultural preservation for the Serbian community on the Northern Beaches. It is not just a church, it is a home for generations of families, including my own. My grandchildren attend weekly activities there, learning the Serbian language, traditional dance, and Orthodox Christian faith. It is one of the few places where they can connect with their roots, understand who they are, and feel proud of where they come from.

I ask Council to give serious consideration to the following important concerns:

1. Recognition of Community and Historical Importance

The Serbian Orthodox Church of St Sava is woven into the very fabric of our community's history. For decades, it has been a safe gathering place for families, a cultural link for migrants who built new lives here, and a living legacy we now pass to our children and grandchildren. It deserves protection and respect as a cultural and spiritual landmark.

2. Child Safety and Privacy

The proposed two- and three-storey apartments would directly overlook areas where children learn and play. This is deeply troubling. Our young ones deserve to feel safe, unobserved, and free when they come to church to sing, learn, and celebrate their culture. No parent or grandparent should have to worry about strangers watching over children in a place meant to nurture faith and trust.

3. Need for a Clear Buffer Zone

There must be a buffer zone between the Church and the proposed residential area—a public road, open land, or landscaped reserve to create both a visual and physical separation. Without this, the peace and privacy of our Church community will be permanently compromised.

4. Protection of Existing Rights and Uses

Our Church has operated without interruption for over 75 years. Services, festivals, children's classes, and cultural gatherings have always been part of life there. These must remain protected and undisrupted, regardless of who moves into the area. New residents should understand they are joining an existing, active community—not the other way around.

5. Rezoning Request (R3 - Medium Density Residential)

Given the surrounding developments and the Church's need to evolve, I support the request for our land to be rezoned to R3. This would allow our parish to expand responsibly, adding classrooms, archives, aged care, childcare, and community-supportive facilities that reflect our long-term vision

6. Safeguards Through Title Encumbrances

To prevent future disputes or restrictions, title encumbrances or covenants should be placed on new residential lots acknowledging the Church's operations and long-standing community use. This will help ensure that the Church can continue its mission without interference or complaints.

In summary, I respectfully ask Council to:

- * Recognise the historic and cultural significance of the Serbian Orthodox Church of St Sava
- * Create a buffer zone to protect the Church's privacy and peace
- * Rezone the Church land to R3 to support future community needs
- * Protect all existing rights and permissible uses of the site
- * Apply title encumbrances to safeguard the Church's ongoing activities

This Church is not just a building, it is where our faith, culture, and family heritage live on. My grandchildren are growing up here, learning the same values and traditions that shaped me. I ask the Council to make a decision that respects this legacy and ensures it can continue for generations to come.

Kind regards
Milunce Jankovic