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RE: DA2024/0303 - 337 Lower Plateau Road BILGOLA PLATEAU NSW 2107

1. I note the submission by Ms Tania Mullis 9/5/24 where she states sighting blue wrens and scrub wrens on the site of the proposed development. To still have these small birds in this location is very special indeed and they are worthy of protection. Removing native vegetation from the site will be detrimental to their continued presence.
2. I am concerned that insufficient attention has been given in the reports about the increased risk of soil slippage on this steep site once the native vegetation has been removed and the building has commenced. The memories of March 2022 and the soil slippages on Bilgola Plateau loom large in my mind as we had a substantial insurance payout to rebuild a relatively modest retaining wall on our property. Ms Mullis makes reference to soil slippage in her submission 9/5/24.
3. I support the many submissions which continue to raise grave concerns about the removal of so many established native trees on this site. The planned removal of 26 prescribed trees is counter to the NBC's commitment to environmental protection.
4. Also the removal of the high Retention Value tree (Tree 97 - Angophora costata: Smooth-barked apple) should be prevented. As a High Retention Value tree it is protected and must not be destroyed.
5. The need for a traffic light to control traffic movement in and out of the proposed development highlights the excessive difficulty of the site. How will emergency services access the site? Have they been consulted? Certainly, many access lanes on the Plateau have a similar issue but a new development should ensure this matter is addressed adequately from the initial planning stage. I raise this as we had a house fire fatality on our lane in the late '90s as the fire service could not gain access due to the narrow carriageway.