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

Re: Objection - Planning Proposal for 1-9 Wilson Avenue, 7-14 Wilga Street and 212-222 Powderworks Road, Ingleside

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing as a long-standing local resident and a member of the Serbian community that has gathered at the church and community space on the neighbouring site since 1949. This space is not only a place of worship but also a vital cultural, educational, and social centre for our community. I wish to formally object to the proposed development and outline my concerns below.

1. Loss of Privacy for Children and community

Each week, around 160 children attend programs at our church and community space, including language school, scripture classes, and cultural dance. The proposed three-storey buildings directly along our shared boundary would overlook our playgrounds and outdoor activity areas. This would remove any sense of privacy and make parents reluctant to allow children to participate in outdoor programs.

2. Safety and Wellbeing Risks

The proximity and height of the development would allow residents to observe children's activities from balconies and windows. This creates both real and perceived safety concerns. Children should not feel watched while learning, playing, or socialising.

3. Lack of a Proper Buffer

The proposal places large buildings directly against our boundary without meaningful physical separation. This is incompatible with the long-standing community use of our site. A clear buffer or open transition area is needed to maintain privacy, safety, and amenity.

4. Impact on Future Growth and Facilities

Our community continues to grow, and the church and community space must remain capable of evolving to meet future needs. Plans include additional classrooms, storage areas, changerooms, a library, childcare and aged care services, and limited community housing. A

dense, overshadowing development on our boundary could restrict or prevent these essential improvements.

5. Protection of Established Uses

For decades, our site has hosted language classes, cultural programs, youth gatherings, and community events. These activities are lawful, longstanding, and contribute significantly to the local area's cultural life. New residents should not be able to complain about or interfere with activities that have existed for generations.

6. Traffic and Access Impacts

The church and community space regularly accommodate large gatherings such as weddings, traditional celebrations, and funerals. These events generate significant vehicle movement in the area. Additional traffic from a dense residential development will worsen congestion, create parking difficulties, and increase safety risks on nearby streets.

7. Bushfire Safety and Evacuation Risks

The Ingleside area is known to carry bushfire risk. A dense development with limited access and exit points poses a serious safety concern. Increased vehicle numbers and constrained roads could obstruct evacuation routes for both our community and new residents in an emergency.

8. Cultural and Community Impact

For more than 70 years, the church and community space have served as a cornerstone for the Serbian community and the wider Northern Beaches. It provides a place of belonging, learning, and cultural continuity. The proposed development threatens the privacy, safety, and functioning of a site that holds deep cultural and historical importance.

The proposed development would have significant negative impacts on privacy, child safety, traffic, amenity, and the long-term viability of a culturally significant community space. The proposal, as it stands, is incompatible with the established use and character of the area.

Thank you for considering this submission.