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

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Serbian Orthodox Church of St Sava and its wider parish community in Ingleside to express our formal objection to the proposed residential development adjacent to our Church and community hall, currently under consideration by Northern Beaches Council.

Our Church, established in 1949, is one of the region's longest-standing cultural and religious institutions, serving as a vital hub for the Serbian-Australian community. We host weekly educational, cultural, and spiritual programs for over 160 children, including Serbian language classes, folklore dancing, and Orthodox Christian education. This site is not just a place of worship-it is a cornerstone of community life, identity, and heritage.

We respectfully ask Council to consider the following concerns and requests:

1. Protection of Child Privacy and Safety

The proposed two- and three-storey residential buildings will overlook areas where children play, learn, and gather. This creates unacceptable privacy and safety risks, as balconies and windows from nearby dwellings would directly face our classrooms and recreational spaces. Our children deserve a secure and private environment, free from the gaze of strangers.

2. Need for a Clear Buffer Zone

We urge the inclusion of a buffer zone-such as a public road, green space, or landscaped reserve-between our property and any new development. This physical separation is crucial to maintaining our community's sense of space, safety, and dignity. Without it, the character and function of our Church grounds will be significantly compromised.

3. Rezoning Request - R3 Medium Density Residential

Given the scale and nature of the surrounding development, we request that our Church land be rezoned to R3 to align with neighbouring parcels. This would support our long-term master plan, which includes building new classrooms, community facilities, aged care services, and potentially some residential dwellings to support intergenerational community needs.

4. Preservation of Existing and Permissible Uses

Our Church has functioned without interruption for more than 75 years, and it is critical that our current zoning and permitted uses remain fully protected. Any future development must not interfere with or place restrictions on existing operations, including religious services, cultural programs, classes, and community events.

5. Title Encumbrances to Safeguard Church Activities

To avoid future conflicts or complaints from incoming residents, we propose that covenants or encumbrances be placed on new property titles. These should acknowledge the Church's ongoing operations and ensure there can be no legal challenge to our noise levels, events, or activities that have long been part of the community's fabric.

6. Recognition of Historical and Cultural Contribution

The Serbian Orthodox Church of St Sava has served multiple generations of families across the Northern Beaches. Our contribution to the region spans heritage, education, culture, and community service. This legacy should be acknowledged and reflected in all planning decisions regarding nearby developments.

In Summary, We Request:

The establishment of a buffer zone between our Church and the new residential buildings

Rezoning of our land to R3 to support future growth

Protection of our existing rights and permitted uses

Inclusion of title encumbrances on adjacent lots to safeguard Church operations

Recognition of our Church's unique and enduring role in the community

We sincerely hope Council will take these matters into careful consideration and make decisions that respect the rights and heritage of all community members, especially those with a deep-rooted history and contribution in the area.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

On behalf of the Serbian Orthodox Church of St Sava - Ingleside Parish Community