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

As a long-term resident of the local area, I wish to formally lodge my strong objection to the proposed development at the above location. My opposition is based on a number of significant concerns regarding the potential negative impacts this development would have on existing residents and the broader community.

The proposal appears to be inconsistent with the principles of sustainable development and fails to adequately address the existing deficiencies in our local infrastructure. I have outlined my key objections below for your consideration:

1. Traffic Congestion and Road Safety

The development would introduce a significant volume of additional traffic to a road network that is already at capacity. The current use of Powderworks Road as a "rat run" for vehicles attempting to bypass congestion on Mona Vale Road already creates significant safety risks for residents, particularly for school children and the elderly. The proposed development would exacerbate this issue, making it increasingly difficult for local residents to safely enter and exit their properties and causing significant delays.

2. Environmental and Wildlife Impact

The proposed development poses a serious risk to the local ecosystem and native wildlife. The area is a known habitat for a variety of species, and the current rate of roadkill on Powderworks Road is evidence of the existing conflict between vehicle traffic and wildlife. An increase in population and vehicle movements would inevitably lead to a greater loss of habitat and threaten the survival of native animals, including bandicoots, bilbies, and various bird species.

3. Inadequate Public Infrastructure

The local infrastructure is not equipped to support the demands of this development. Key areas of concern include:

Waste Management: The current refuse collection service already causes significant traffic tailbacks twice a week. Without a substantial widening of Powderworks Road, the additional traffic from the new residences would create unacceptable congestion.

Education: The local school is already struggling with insufficient teaching spaces and funding from the Department of Education. There is no existing capacity to accommodate the additional students this development would introduce.

Public Transport: The existing public transport system is unreliable and insufficient. The replacement of local bus routes with the Keoride service has led to a system that is already over-subscribed during peak hours, making it an unviable option for many commuters.

Community Facilities: There is a severe lack of local facilities. The Elanora shops currently have insufficient parking to meet existing demand. Similarly, medical services are stretched, and obtaining a doctor's appointment is already a significant challenge. The recent closure of the local post office has further reduced essential services for residents, particularly for the elderly.

4. Bushfire Risk and Evacuation

The area is designated as bushfire-prone, and insurance premiums are already a reflection of the significant risk. An increase in the number of residents would critically strain evacuation routes during a bushfire emergency. The local road network is not designed to handle a mass evacuation, and the added density would put more lives at risk and impede the ability of emergency services to access the area.

In conclusion, this proposal appears to be a rushed and short-sighted project that has not been adequately assessed for its real-world impact on the community. It is evident that the development would create untenable pressure on our fragile road network, local services, and natural environment.

I urge the elected councilors to voice our objections and reject this proposal until a comprehensive plan can be developed that addresses the significant infrastructure deficiencies and respects the character and safety of the existing community

Thank you