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RE: DA2019/1340 - 100 / 0 Meatworks Avenue OXFORD FALLS NSW 2100

As neighbours to this block, we oppose the requested extension of industrial units. We acquired Lot 906 & 907 the two blocks uphill (east)from the old 'Meatworks' and on 23/1/20 the Hon. Don Harwin declared 'Aboriginal Place' listing for that land. Aboriginal carvings, a rock shelter and provision of required pigments from flora and clays as well exposure and orientation of the land are preserved and offer insights into aboriginal customs and tradition. Aboriginal ceremony continues here to happen and we want this to continue. As our blocks of land are uphill from Lot 100, we do hear and when looking over the side, see Lot 100. The application to increase the industrial units would not only imply an increase in overall activity but also an extension towards our blocks of land with a diminution of the separating vegetation barrier. This would result in lesser noise absorption, much higher visual impact and also greater light pollution. This interferes with the intended purpose of aboriginal place preservation, as well as our enjoyment of our site.

We do not accept the assessment of likelihood of occurrence of the Spotted- tailed quoll (*Dasyurus maculatus*). *Dasyurus maculatus* has been documented by experts in close proximity to the site and from verbal conversations when writing 'Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment- Past, Present and Future' by C Harris, J Marlow and A Harris published 2010 by The Royal Zoological Society of NSW, in The Natural History of Sydney., we know the old ' Meatworks site' was a reliable quoll location. It was *Dasyurus maculatus* residential home habitat, which got slowly invaded by the extension of the activities around the Meatworks. Recent records testify *Dasyurus maculatus* existence in the area. Substantial habitat for *Dasyurus maculatus* has recently been destroyed with the building of the Northern Beaches Hospital and the surrounding roadworks. Hence, remaining habitat is of far greater importance and the likelihood of utilisation is increased. The grading of low for the occurrence of *Dasyurus maculatus* is unreasonable. *Dasyurus maculatus* is listed as endangered under the EPBC Act 1999 and efforts for it preservation must be taken. It is unreasonable as stated in the The Flora and Fauna report: "A full fauna survey following Threatened Species Survey and Assessment Guidelines (OEH 2013) was not undertaken as sufficient detail to determine the likelihood of occurrence of threatened and migratory species for the purpose of this report was achieved through a habitat assessment during the field survey. Therefore, further detailed fauna surveys were not considered necessary. " The bushland to be totally cleared or thinned for the APZ contains healthy good quality bush and some bushland with weed infestation. As habitat for *Dasyurus maculatus* the weeds are no barrier.

In conclusion, we object to the expansion of the industrial site and number of units for personal, cultural and environmental reasons and request that this application be rejected.