

Re: **Proposed rezoning of "Heydon Estate" and Uniting Church land Ingleside and Elanora Heights and subsequent development.**

Are you aware of the proposed re-zoning and subsequent development of the Ingleside Escarpment? Written submissions on the proposal must be submitted to Pittwater Council General Manager, Pittwater Council, PO BOX 882 Mona Vale NSW 1660, DX 9018 Mona Vale **by 20<sup>th</sup> February 2004**. (proposed rezoning ref: R0005/03 & R0006/03)  
Enquires to Planning officer Joanne Marshall - 9970 1138 (Mon - Thurs).

## Joint Govt-church development will disfigure escarpment, say critics

State Government plans for a development of ten large residential blocks on the Ingleside escarpment will, its opponents say, visually destroy the whole purpose of acquiring the land.

The State Government's plan includes a Uniting Church proposal for creation of large residential blocks.

Opponents of the plan fear that if approved, it will create an area similar to that at Oxford Falls where huge two storey houses have replaced bushland, and are visible from the Wakehurst Parkway.

The application was lodged just before the Christmas break, attracting little attention.

The plan is for Uniting Church land and State Government owned land at Wesley Street and Ingleside Road to be rezoned and subdivided into ten residential lots, some of which will be one acre blocks.

All will have views to the ocean. Access to the land will be from Wesley Street, and will require substantial road works and a bridge to cross a waterway that runs in to the wetlands.

When the escarpment was acquired, the Council swapped its old works depot at Ingleside for the Gowing land, and the State produced more

than \$5million to buy the Hayden Estate on condition that it would recoup its costs by having other land it owned rezoned for sale.

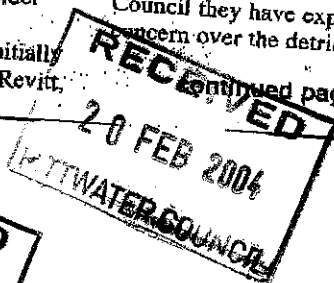
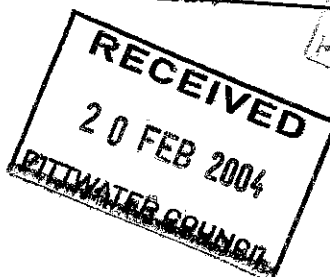
Because the Council and community is seen as a beneficiary of the proposal and a party involved, the application

will be dealt with by an independent assessor, whose brief will be only to consider the application and its conformity. It is understood he will not have the powers to consider alternatives.

The opposition has initially come from Messrs. Jim Revitt,

David James, David Palmer and Henry Wardlaw, representing the Pittwater Residents Association and other community groups. In a letter to the Council they have expressed concern over the detrimental

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environmental outcomes that would flow if the application was approved as submitted.

Mr. Revitt said there were alternatives that could be put forward to ensure the Government could recoup its outlay.

"This proposal will see big houses along the top of the escarpment and will flow on

into the Blue Hatch area. It flies in the face of the original commitment.

"Having the Church involved is a complication, we feel they should have made a separate application," he said.

Council has set February 17 as the date to resolve the issue but this is unlikely to be met.

I AM OPPOSED TO THIS DEVELOPMENT.

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