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

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed residential development adjacent to the Serbian Orthodox Church of St Sava and community hall in Ingleside, as outlined in the development application before Northern Beaches Council.

Our Church and community hall, founded in 1949, have for decades served as a cornerstone for the Serbian and broader Christian community on the Northern Beaches. Each week, more than 160 children attend Serbian language school, traditional dance lessons, and Orthodox scripture classes on the site. This space is a vital centre for preserving culture, faith, and connection for families across generations.

I urge Council to carefully consider the following serious concerns:

1. Privacy and Child Safety

The proposed two- and three-storey buildings would directly overlook areas where children gather, play, and learn. Balconies and upper-level windows from neighbouring dwellings would create constant visibility into what has always been a private, protected community space. This raises unacceptable privacy and safety concerns for our youth, who deserve to learn and participate without being observed by strangers.

2. Essential Buffer Zone

A buffer zone must be established between the development and our Church grounds. Whether through a public road, open green area, or landscaped reserve, such separation is critical to maintain privacy, reduce noise intrusion, and preserve the integrity of our site. Without it, the peaceful and cultural environment of our community will be permanently compromised.

3. Rezoning Request (R3 - Medium Density Residential)

Given the surrounding developments and future community needs, we respectfully request that our Church land be rezoned to R3. This change would allow for growth aligned with our long-term vision-enabling the addition of classrooms, archives, aged care, childcare facilities, and limited community housing to serve our parish.

4. Protection of Existing Uses

We seek Council's assurance that all current and approved activities-such as services, festivals, classes, and gatherings-will remain protected under existing zoning rights. The Church has operated without interruption for over 75 years, and new neighbouring residents must accept and respect this longstanding use.

5. Title Encumbrances to Safeguard Operations

To prevent future disputes, we ask that appropriate encumbrances or covenants be applied to any new residential titles surrounding our property. This will acknowledge the existing Church operations and prevent conflicts arising from noise or activity complaints that could threaten our programs.

6. Cultural and Historical Significance

For generations, St Sava has been more than a place of worship-it is a living cultural institution that anchors our identity as Australians of Serbian heritage. Families who once attended as children now bring their own children to the same hall and classrooms. Its value to the social and cultural landscape of the Northern Beaches cannot be overstated.

In summary, we respectfully request:

A buffer zone separating the Church from the proposed development

Rezoning of our land to R3 to support community growth

Continued protection of all existing rights and permissible uses

Placement of title encumbrances acknowledging Church operations

Recognition of our historic and ongoing contribution to the region

We trust the Council will act with fairness and foresight to preserve this significant community landmark and ensure that planning decisions respect its unique history and enduring role.

Kind regards,

Mirijana Greco