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

To whom it may concern

I'm writing on behalf of the Serbian Orthodox Church of St Sava and our community hall in Ingleside to formally raise our concerns about the proposed new housing development next to our site. This development is currently being considered by Northern Beaches Council. Our Church and community centre have been active since 1949. We are a strong, vibrant Christian and cultural community - one of the largest ethnic groups in the Northern Beaches. Every week, more than 160 children come here for Serbian language classes, dance, and religious education. Our space is essential for keeping our culture alive and providing a safe place for families and young people.

We ask the Council to seriously consider the following issues:

1. Children's Safety and Privacy

The planned two- and three-storey buildings will directly overlook our Church property. This includes areas where children play, learn, and dance. It's not safe or appropriate for strangers to be able to watch these activities from balconies or windows. Children should feel secure and private in these spaces.

2. Need for a Buffer Zone

We believe there should be a clear buffer zone between our Church and the new buildings. This could be a public road, open land, or landscaped area. Without it, our sense of space, safety, and privacy will be seriously affected.

3. Rezoning Our Land to Match Surroundings (R3)

With more housing planned around us, we request that our Church land be rezoned to R3 - Medium Density Residential. This would help us grow and better serve our community by adding things like new classrooms, a library, childcare, aged care, and some community-supported housing.

4. Protecting Our Existing Rights

We want clear assurance that our current activities will be protected. Our Church has operated for over 75 years. New neighbours should not be able to complain about our long-standing services, classes, or events. These are all approved and essential parts of our community life.

5. Legal Protections for Future Operations

We also request that legal protections (like encumbrances or covenants) be added to the titles of nearby properties. This will help prevent future complaints or legal issues that could affect our programs or operations.

6. Recognising Our Community's Role

Our Church is much more than just a place of worship. It's a cultural centre that has supported generations of families. Many of us attended as children and now bring our own

children here. It's an important part of who we are.

Kind regards

Iva Balovic