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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to lodge a formal submission regarding Development Application PEX2025/0001, currently under consideration by Northern Beaches Council. I wish to raise serious concerns about the potential impact this proposal may have on the Serbian Orthodox Church located within the affected zone.

1. Impact on Religious Practice

The Serbian Orthodox Church serves as a central place of worship and spiritual life for members of the Serbian community across the Northern Beaches and broader Sydney region. Any changes to surrounding land use, access, parking availability, or amenity could significantly disrupt the Church's ability to conduct religious services, community gatherings, and cultural events. Restrictions arising from the proposed development may effectively limit the free exercise of religion, which is a protected right under both Australian law and international conventions.

2. Community Services and Cultural Role

Beyond its role as a place of worship, the Church provides a wide range of community services - including cultural education, youth and senior programs, charity initiatives, and pastoral support. These services are integral to maintaining community cohesion and providing social welfare, particularly for elderly and recently arrived members of the Serbian community.

The proposed development may adversely affect the Church's capacity to deliver these services due to potential constraints on operating hours, noise sensitivity restrictions, or loss of community access and open space.

3. Amenity, Access, and Parking

Adequate access and parking are essential for the Church's congregation, particularly during major religious festivals and community events, which attract large attendance. Any reduction in parking availability or increased traffic congestion could severely limit attendance and participation, disproportionately impacting an already established cultural institution.

4. Heritage and Cultural Significance

The Serbian Orthodox Church is not only a functioning place of worship but also a site of cultural and historical importance. Its presence contributes to the multicultural fabric of the Northern Beaches. Council should give careful consideration to preserving this heritage and

ensuring that new developments in the area do not undermine the cultural and religious landscape that has been established over many years.

5. Request for Consideration

I respectfully request that the Council undertake a comprehensive assessment of the development's potential impact on the Serbian Orthodox Church and its congregation. Consult directly with Church representatives and the local Serbian community before making any determination.

Ensure that measures are implemented to protect the Church's right to freely conduct religious activities and community services.

The Church is an irreplaceable community asset whose continued operation is vital to the social and cultural wellbeing of the area. I urge Council to consider these concerns carefully in assessing Application PEX2025/0001.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,
Stevan Bubalo