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

I am writing to urgently express my deep concern about the proposed three-storey residential development planned directly along the boundary of our church. As someone who is actively involved in this community, I am alarmed by the serious impact this development will have, not only on the privacy and safety of the 160 children who attend our church, but also on the future of our cultural and spiritual home.

Children should feel safe and protected, not exposed to constant surveillance from neighbouring balconies. The lack of a buffer zone between the development and our church grounds is unacceptable. We need a clear separation such as a street, reserve, or open land, to ensure the wellbeing of our young ones and preserve the peaceful environment they deserve.

Our church is more than a building, it is a vital part of our identity and history. Established in 1949, it has been a cornerstone for one of the largest ethnic minority communities in the Northern Beaches. It is a place where generations have come together to celebrate culture, faith, and community. We host dance, language, and scripture classes that help preserve our heritage and strengthen our bonds. These activities must be protected.

Looking ahead, our church has plans to grow and continue serving our community. We need space to build additional classrooms, changing rooms, a library, archives, childcare and aged care facilities, and even some residential dwellings to support our members. These developments are essential, not optional, for meeting the needs of our expanding congregation.

To make this possible, we are requesting that our land be rezoned to R3. This would allow us to build facilities that benefit not only our church but the wider community. We also ask for legal protections, such as title encumbrances, to ensure our rights are respected by future residents.

This church is where my family and I have found connection, support, and purpose. It is where our children learn, grow, and thrive. I urge the council to consider the real and lasting impact this development will have on our community's safety, privacy, culture, and future.

Please help us protect what truly matters.

Sincerely,
Dragana Arcaba