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

Save Our Church & Community from Overdevelopment at Ingleside
A massive residential development proposal for 536+ homes has been submitted to Northern Beaches Council. This development will completely surround our Serbian Orthodox Church of St Sava and Community Hall in Ingleside - threatening the future of a vital cultural, religious, and educational centre that has served local families since 1949.

Why this matters-

Our church and hall are home to:

- 160+ children who attend weekly Serbian dance, language, and Christian scripture classes.
- Multigenerational families - many with 3 generations involved in the church community.
- Community celebrations, religious events, and cultural traditions that enrich Northern Beaches' diversity.

Our Key Concerns-

Privacy & Safety:

- Proposed 2-3 storey apartment buildings are planned directly on our boundary fence.
- Children lose privacy and security, with apartments overlooking play areas and classrooms.
- Every child deserves to feel safe - not watched from neighbouring balconies.

Loss of Buffer Zone

- The development leaves no buffer zone between homes and our community facilities.
- We need a street, reserve or natural separation to maintain peace, security, and space for future growth.

Threat to Our Right to Expand

We need space to build:

- Additional classrooms
- Change rooms
- Archive storage
- Childcare and aged care facilities
- Limited community housing (townhouses/homes) for our members

Operational Rights Must Be Protected

Our longstanding activities - dance, language, religious classes - must be allowed to continue without restriction or complaint from new residents.

What We're Asking Council:

- Reject current development plans unless a proper buffer zone is included.

- Rezone our church land to R3, enabling community-beneficial developments:
- Educational facilities
- Childcare and aged care
- Limited housing to support our community
- Legal protections on new housing titles to:
- Guarantee our ongoing use rights
- Prevent future disputes with residents about noise, activity or hours

A Personal Connection

I joined this community over 40 years ago, and today, my children and grandchildren are part of the same vibrant church family. Like many others, we have three generations participating, volunteering, and contributing. Our spiritual welfare has been core connection through our church and the community it brings together..

We are one of the largest ethnic communities on the Northern Beaches - Christian, peaceful, proud, and deeply connected to this place.

Help Us Protect Our Future

This is not just about buildings - it's about preserving a cultural and religious sanctuary for hundreds of families now, and generations to come.

Let's stand together to ask for:

- Responsible development
- Proper separation
- Fair planning protections

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns as one of many in our community on the Northern Beaches.

Yours faithfully
Maria Djuric