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

To the assessing planner,

I write to strongly object to the proposed development adjoining our community church, which poses serious concerns for the privacy, safety, and future viability of our long-standing community hub.

As a lifelong member of this church - where I attended dance, Serbian school, and scripture classes as a child, and where my own children now do the same - I have a deep personal and generational connection to this place. Our church has served as the spiritual and cultural heart of the Serbian Orthodox Christian community on the Northern Beaches since 1949. We are a thriving, intergenerational community and one of the largest ethnic minority groups in the area.

My key concerns are:

Privacy: The proposed three-storey development will directly overlook the church grounds and classrooms. This raises serious privacy concerns for the 160 children who attend activities here, many of whom will be visible from balconies and upper-storey windows.

Safety: The sense of safety and security is paramount for children. Being observed from neighbouring residences is inappropriate.

Need for a Buffer Zone: A proper buffer (e.g., a reserve, street, or open land) must be established between the development and the church to maintain a respectful and safe distance.

Future Growth & Community Services: The church must retain its ability to expand and meet growing community needs. This includes constructing additional classrooms, changerooms, a library, an archive, and potentially even childcare, and aged care to support community members.

Operational Protections: Our existing programs - including language classes, dance groups, scripture, and cultural events - must be safeguarded. These activities are foundational to our identity and should not be threatened by future residential complaints or restrictions.

Rezoning Request: We respectfully request that the council rezone our church land to R3,

enabling us to continue offering educational and community services and to develop limited residential facilities in line with our mission.

Legal Protections: We urge the council to impose appropriate title encumbrances or legal safeguards to protect our rights and operations from future disputes with incoming residents of the proposed development.

This development, in its current form, is incompatible with the long-standing and ongoing use of our church site. We ask the council to reconsider its approval and ensure our church - a pillar of the local ethnic and religious community - is protected and empowered to serve for generations to come.

Warmest regards,
Jelena