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

Dear Kate,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of 500 new dwellings in Ingleside, NSW. While I understand the need for housing growth, this proposal is unsuitable for the area in its current form and raises several serious concerns regarding safety, infrastructure, and community impact.

1. Bushfire Risk

The proposed development site is located within an existing bushfire-prone zone. Increasing residential density in this area places future residents at significant risk. The current emergency evacuation routes are already inadequate and would not safely or efficiently handle the evacuation of hundreds of additional households during a bushfire event.

2. Insufficient Road Infrastructure

Local roads, including Mona Vale Road and surrounding streets, are already heavily congested during peak hours. Adding 500 new dwellings would dramatically increase traffic volumes, worsening congestion and compromising road safety. The existing road network cannot accommodate the current traffic levels, let alone those created by a development of this scale.

3. Lack of Essential Services and Facilities

Ingleside currently lacks essential infrastructure such as schools, shops, and community facilities. The nearest schools and shopping centres are already operating near capacity, and this proposal offers no clear plan to expand local services to meet the needs of hundreds of new residents. This will place additional strain on nearby suburbs and reduce overall quality of life.

4. Impact on the Serbian Orthodox Church and Community Access

The Serbian Orthodox Church, one of the oldest in the area, will face restricted access due to increased traffic and road congestion. This will particularly affect Sunday services and major religious events, causing significant delays, traffic jams, and safety issues for parishioners and local residents alike. The church is an important cultural and spiritual centre, and its accessibility must be preserved.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above - bushfire risk, inadequate evacuation infrastructure, road

congestion, lack of local services, and cultural impact - I strongly urge the Council to reject or significantly reconsider this development proposal. Any future planning for Ingleside must prioritise safety, infrastructure capacity, and preservation of community heritage before allowing such a large-scale expansion.

Yours sincerely,
Srdjan