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Re: Amended Development Proposals DA14/1238 & DA14/1239

I object to the amended development applications. My office has received representations from the Spring Gully protection society among others about their concerns regarding the treatment of the former Scout land at Spring Gully, Bundeena.

We agree with the local community that the development poses an unacceptable bushfire risk, will cause environmental impacts that go well beyond the site itself and is not supportable so close to the iconic Royal National Park. I understand that these concerns have also been raised by groups in the area who have provided Council with detailed information about the value of the land in question.

Given the location and ecological sensitivity of this land its addition to the National Parks would be the most appropriate next step and would allow the preservation of several highly intact EECs and important habitat within a riparian corridor. We understand that Sutherland Shire Council's position is that this land be acquired for addition to the Royal National Park. This position is strongly supported.

This land is zoned E2 Environmental Conservation and contains the following endangered ecological communities: Sydney Freshwater Wetland, Sand Bangalay Forest, Coastal Upland Swamp, and Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub (Coastal Sandplain Heath). This is in addition to the animals, birds and reptiles that live in these habitats. It is very hard to see how development of this land could be truly consistent with the objectives of this zoning.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Kind regards,

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