

COPY OF LETTER SENT TO COUNCILLOR JOHNS

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Councillor Kent R Johns
Mayor
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Re: LP/03/79340 Draft 2013 LEP

Dear Councillor Johns,

This plan has come as a shock to myself and residents of this street, properties at 1-49 Crammond Avenue Bundeena.

In the first instance the principle behind the suggested listing from the Progress association of Bundeena, was meant to concern the very point of the headland and Pulpit Rock, not to the houses on the foreshore. It definitely did not concern taking the heritage listing up to the building line of properties on the foreshore. No explanation has been given as to why this has happened. Why has it happened?

No-one foresaw, that without consultation, with some unexplained agenda, and without rationale, the listing would change to one that comes to the 20 metre building line. Effectively declaring all of the "back yard" of this property heritage listed.

It is an extraordinary "leap", with no apparent reason, consultation or science, and no explanation as to why the current listing did not work. Why did it not work?

There was no consultation, just some anonymous decision maker, making decisions on some personal agenda and certainly not on consultation with residents.

What is of concern is that not only does the council not consult and explain to residents, but it feels no need to explain or consult.

The residents of Crammond Avenue are hard working people who have struggled to purchase what is their number one investment, their home, which has severely been reduced in value with this new listing on Title.

As well, rights of usage and limitations on the land will have significant impact on the owners' ability to use and enjoy their own land.

There are very subjective criteria, as to what will happen to the land and existing structures, with an appearing concession which could be eroded at any time.

The lack of explanation, consultation, changing the original concern for the Pulpit Rock area to make inroads into personal land of homeowners on the foreshore, gives rise to concern for future operation of individuals within council to exercise power for an agenda not revealed to the residents.

If council can so vicariously make decisions to change land listings, what else can they do?

It does not do well for the decision makers to appear to be faceless men and women, controlled by some unpublished agenda, unaccountable to the people who pay their wages, for decisions that impact on our rights, our property value and usage of our own land.

Yours sincerely,