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Re: LP/03/79340 Draft 2013 LEP

Dear Mr Evans

I am writing to you expressing my deep concern at the sudden and unexplained changing of a heritage listing of my property at Crammond Avenue Bundeena.

You may be aware of the issue but basically there were concerns about a heritage listing for the point called Cabbage Tree Point, which is basically uninhabited land, that was put into place, and then by a series of steps suddenly the heritage listing was on the foreshore of most of the properties on the waterline of Crammond Avenue, and then suddenly there are a number of people in Crammond Avenue where the heritage listing is coming up almost to their back door.

There seems to be no reason for this. People in fact were not objecting to a heritage listing that covered the foreshore at the bottom of properties, but for some inexplicable reason the heritage listing has shot up to basically their back doors.

There has been no discussion, no reason, no justification for this; it has happened apparently at the whim of some unknown force there within the council.

I am including a letter that I had previously sent in response to the LEP that Sutherland Council had put out.

I re-emphasise that the inhabitants of Crammond Avenue are hard-working people whose home is their major investment, and to suddenly without explanation have a heritage listing coming up that far is quite extraordinary.

I would also like to re-emphasise as my previous letter said, there was no justification, there was never any intention from anybody in the area that the heritage line go up this far; people along the foreshore including ourselves have complied with regulations concerning foliage and all sorts of things.

It immediately lowers the value of the property.

It immediately puts a great hindrance on the enjoyment of the property.

It immediately is quite terrifying to think that without explanation, without justification, without any sort of consultation with residents in the street, a heritage listing can be just slapped on the whole of one's backyard, as it were.

For myself, we have always been in communication with the council, we have always requested and received approval from council when necessary, we have always handled the land properly and with great care.

I am at a point now of becoming quite worried about this extraordinary move and rather than merely objecting to it, I would like some explanation as to how council authority can be so misused by an unknown source to virtually overnight, rip away two thirds of one's property.

I repeat, there was never any intention from any group in Bundeena that this would happen. There appears to be no reason for it to happen, given that there was agreement for the heritage listing to go on the foreshore area. And one sits in a terrified state as to what will happen next.

I would like to state this is an extreme abuse of power and I would like some explanation as to why this can be done, and who is doing this, and why is the authority of the council so misused? Is it a personal vendetta? It is certainly not something that is done in consultation with people.

One is then horrified by the next move by the council, of this source within the council, and there are people in this neighbourhood who are quite profoundly upset and angry that such a misuse of power could happen.

Yours sincerely,

