

60 Flora Street

KIRRAWEE

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SUBMISSION FOR SUTHERLAND DRAFT L E P REVIEW

I wish to restate my objection to the proposed development plans for Kirrawee regarding Flora Street and Fauna Place on the following grounds:

**TRAFFIC GRIDLOCK** The proposed rezoning of Flora Street and Fauna Place to allow for high rise development would be a nightmare for existing residents and future residents of these streets. Flora Street is already a very busy street especially in the morning and afternoon peak periods. With the extra volume of traffic that will be created on the Brick Pit site in Flora Street, traffic problems will get much worse. I regularly drive grandchildren to school and need to turn left from Flora Street into Oak Road and then left onto the highway towards Sutherland during the early morning peak period. Because cars must wait for pedestrians to cross at the lights very few cars are able to turn left before the lights change. This results in a bank up of traffic in Oak Road and sometimes in Flora Street. Traffic then crawls along the highway before it gets to Acacia Road because of the huge volume of traffic coming from Engadine and places further south. This traffic has priority at the intersection so there is only a short time frame for traffic to Sutherland to get through the lights. The proposed construction of high rise in Flora Street and Fauna Place would result in even more traffic chaos and even more accidents at the corner of Acacia Road and the highway.

**PARKING** Because of the large number of units already constructed in Flora Street, there is rarely any street parking. In fact cars often park on the footpath. When it is the regular garbage night, bins are often moved by motorists or cars are parked in front of bins. In Fauna Place, railway commuters occupy much of the street during the day. The existing council car park is totally inadequate for the railway commuters that fill this car park very early in the day. Local residents are already frustrated by these problems so to increase the population in these streets is bad planning.

**OVERPOPULATION** Flora Street already has a large population. There is a total of 183 units already fronting Flora Street between Oak Road and Acacia Road with a 12 unit building under construction. There are also 120 units in Donald Robertson Retirement Village making a total of 315 units in the street. The 2 access roads off Flora Street provide driveways to another 126 units on the Princes Highway. In addition, there are 38 town houses fronting Flora Street as well as 10 additional town houses in Thomas Dunlea Retirement complex in Flora Street. There are 10 houses in this part of Flora Street. There are thus 500 existing residences to be accessed in this one block. There will be hundreds more people living in Flora Street when the high rise development on the Brick Pit site is completed.

I strongly object to the proposed plans for this part of Kirrawee. The quality of life for the existing residents would be reduced. The only people who would benefit would be the developers.

Yours sincerely

Maira White

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. White", written over the printed name.

