

## **Objection to the proposed Southern Ingleside medium-density development**

Rather than listing **all** the various reasons for our objection to the proposed Southern Ingleside medium density housing development, we would like to focus on the major risks which us residents in Dendrobium Crescent and Caladenia Close were to face, if the development in Southern Ingleside were to go ahead as currently planned.

It is well documented that we live in one of the **highest fire risk** areas in Sydney. As survivors of the 1994 fires we know about the fire dangers in our area only too well. When the Insurance Inspector came to assess the damage to our house and property in 1994 – which was quite substantial – he told us that he had no explanation why our house was still standing. Several of our neighbours were not so lucky and their houses burnt down completely.

In our streets we all know that we will be facing another major fire again. It is only a question when this will happen. Our houses and lives will again be at risk.

When the next major fire strikes it will be absolutely critical for us residents in Dendrobium Crescent and Caladenia Close to swiftly evacuate and to seek a safe place to stay. The proposed development along Wilga Street would substantially increase our **evacuation risk!**

Even without the proposed development of medium density housing along Wilga Street, we often experience traffic jams along Powderworks Road, especially during rush hours. In case of a major fire, people in the newly built homes along Wilga Street would seek to evacuate as well. Their cars would block us from even reaching Powderworks Road, putting our lives at risk. Fire engines trying to access our streets would be blocked from proceeding as well.

In our view it would be a recipe for disaster, if medium density housing along Wilga Street were to go ahead!

We hope that you will take our objection into account when you proceed further towards development in Southern Ingleside.

We accept that you selected Ingleside as a site for future housing development, but would like to see low density housing rather than medium density housing in Southern Ingleside for the reasons mentioned above.

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