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**Department of Planning and Environment**

**Submission regarding Ingleside 'Draft Land Use and Infrastructure Strategy'**

Ingleside, which is surrounded by National Parks and Nature Reserves is a unique part of the Northern Beaches. It is not like the flat barren parts of the south west and north west of Sydney which are being developed at an alarming rate. Ingleside is the gateway to most of our beautiful beaches and as such, needs to be reserved as the semi-rural area that it is today. Thus creating a buffer for our National Parks and Reserves from the urban sprawl.

Ingleside has a wealth of wildlife and native flora which must be protected at all costs. Development will bring many cats and dogs into the area. Cats in particular, if not kept indoors or in runs will, within a few years, decimate many of our small mammals, reptiles and birds, some of which are already endangered.

We note that there is no mention of the rights of residents, who reside in Ingleside and the surrounding suburbs. Where is the consideration for their wellbeing if this massive development goes ahead? It will adversely affect everyone who lives on the peninsula from Palm Beach to Terrey Hills. Not everyone wants to sell out to developers, as they have a great attachment to this beautiful, tranquil area rich in wildlife and diversity.

Our family has lived in Ingleside for the past 29 years. Our five acres is mostly native bushland, which we have cared for over these many years. The amount of wildlife is diverse, many being endangered species. We could fill several pages with the names of birds, mammals, reptiles etc. that live on and around our beautiful bushland.

We find it hard to believe that a development of this size is even being considered. We believe that this is not in the best interests of Pittwater and its residents. The gross overdevelopment of Warriewood Valley, which is still ongoing, has already put a huge strain on our roads and amenities. The proposed widening of Mona Vale Road, if and when completed, will only meet the existing traffic needs of today. It will not cope with thousands of additional vehicles which the development will inevitably bring.

We have been assured by Rob Stokes MP, when Planning Minister, that we do not have to sell all or part of our property. We are choosing to keep our lifestyle and 5-acre property intact and will not be selling to developers at any price.

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