

Manly NSW 2095

Dear Sir/Madam,

Objections to the Proposed Ingleside Land release

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed Ingleside development. As I am sure is already abundantly clear to you, the Ingleside area has been classed as a bush fire risk zone, pursuant to Northern Beaches Council zoning. The area has also experienced severe bush fires in the past, with the example of the 1994 fires, which swept through the area and had devastating implications, with a number of homes being burnt to the ground. The Bushfire Planning Report makes no mention of the bushfire risks or the impacts of the development on the Garigal/Deep Creek locality, nor the implications that this could have in regards to evacuating people in the event of bushfires.

The existing infrastructure is insufficient to deal with the number of residents in the area **already**, with the two main access points to the area being Powderworks Road and Mona Vale Road, which are heavily congested already during the peak periods of the day, due to the single lane nature of these roads. In addition, the catchment surrounding Wakehurst Parkway experiences regular overflows in rain, resulting in the Parkway being closed regularly. When closed, traffic is instead directed up Powderworks Road onto Mona Vale Road, Making this a vital access road for the area.

By introducing more residents to the area as is proposed, the serious and real bush fire threat in conjunction with the very limited access to the area, must be carefully considered. It would be nothing short of negligence to propose such a development, without considering these very serious factors.

I ask that you carefully consider these factors in regards to the proposed Ingleside land release, and give ample regard to the serious issues raised above.

