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I object to this proposal as it lists Wakehurst Parkway as a major access point to the proposed development. Wakehurst Parkway is a two lane road that is subject to flooding and closure resulting in all traffic from Morgan Road being diverted onto Forestway.

Any development in the proposed area needs to include an upgrade in width and flood mitigation for Wakehurst Parkway.

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I oppose the PatyeGarang planning proposal formally known as lizard rock Morgan Road, Belrose. As a Belrose resident in our own property of seven years, I strongly object to this proposal, due to loss of habitat for a multitude of flora and foreigner, unnecessary, traffic, congestion, and urban sprawl, massive loss of biodiversity for future generations, clearing, bushland impacts, the triggering of more local development, which is unnecessary in the area Due to lack of services and already traffic load on Forest way and Warringah Road, Peak and at other times. Destroying the beauty and character of Morgan Road and its unique area. We have seen many examples of natural wildlife in our years here driving down that road.

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I am opposed to the development due to concerns if loss of habitat for flora and fauna, urban sprawl on natural environments and traffic.

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I oppose the development due to it causing the destruction of key wildlife habitat as well as loss of biodiversity and flora and fauna.



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Dear Sir/Madam

I am a local resident on the Northern Beaches and am writing to oppose the proposed rezoning of land at Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose, or “Lizard Rock” (PP-2022-3802).

I write on behalf of those who cannot write a submission for themselves – the wildlife that live at Lizard Rock, and the future generations who have a right to a healthy natural environment.

This proposal must be refused for the following reasons:

- Loss of habitat for iconic species of flora and fauna such as swamp wallabies. This bushland forms part of a wildlife corridor connecting private land, Garigal National Park, and Narrabeen Lagoon State Park. This area has high biodiversity value and is irreplaceable.
- Impacts on the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment as stormwater from the development will flow down hill, with less bushland to filter the water before it enters the estuary. This will impact on threatened species including the red-crowned toadlet and spotted-tail quoll , and on marine animals that live in the lagoon.
- Loss of Sydney's Green lungs as trees are renown for their ability to improve air quality, help to cool urban areas, and draw down carbon from the atmosphere into the ground. With the threat of climate change, every tree plays an important role in drawing down carbon, and helping to mitigate urban heat impacts.
- Some of the sites are at significant risk of bushfire events. This would mean we are building houses in places we know that people may not be safe in the future. Northern Beaches Council has obtained independent advice on bushfire risks at the Lizard Rock site, which identified that the site includes areas of Very High – Extreme risk. The report also identified concerns about the safety and viability of evacuation. This proposal will likely require significant asset protection zones, which would further erode the wildlife corridor.
- Traffic and urban sprawl – this proposal will create problems with urban sprawl, as more houses are built away from urban centres, and so the residents will be reliant on cars, rather than being within a short walk or bus ride to places. This will contribute towards local traffic congestion on Forest Way, Wakehurst Parkway, and Warringah Road.
- Broader Strategic planning implications - the proposed housing is happening in isolation to the broader strategic planning being done by Northern Beaches Council to meet housing needs and plan for issues such as traffic and services in a holistic way across the entire Northern Beaches.
- Negative precedent in the deferred lands – The Northern Beaches Council is undertaking a strategic review of land use in the Metropolitan Rural Area in Oxford Falls and Belrose. Using an evidence based approach, the Council's draft plans are to zone private land in this area as Rural and C3 Environmental

Management zoning. Approving the planning proposal would create an inappropriate precedent that other landowners in the MRA can also seek a spot rezoning, further eroding the remaining bushland on private land.

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Frenchs forest

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I have lived here all my life and love the area. It would be detrimental to our community, the flora and fauna and specialness of the area. There are not many places left in Sydney with the serenity of Frenchs Forest and it would be a huge loss to the residents here. You should be embarrassed that this is even up for a debate when you don't even live here, go build somewhere else where you aren't disturbing so many factors!

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I oppose the Patyegarang Planning Proposal because of the traffic congestion and urban sprawl it will create and the lack of additional infrastructure needed to accomdate such development. It will also trigger further local development, increases the risk of bush fire damage, and loss of habitat for fauna and flora.

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- I strongly object to this proposal
- We need green spaces
- Sick of developing houses

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I am not adverse to development in the Northern Beaches. However, I am VERY against taking more bushland from native animals and destroying native fauna.

We need smart developments on existing residential areas, not destroying more bushland.

The development of Lizzard rock would have devastating effects on our environment and local area.

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Traffic congestion and urban sprawl

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I object against loss of habitat for flora and fauna



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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to,

Re: Development proposal of Patyegarang formally known as Lizard Rock. ( Morgan Road Belrose)

One of the pleasures living in this local Government area is the feeling of being surrounded by nature, which can be enjoyed by all, including the bushwaljs and clean air.

My deep concern is the negative impact this development will have in our daily lives, adding to traffic congestion and pollution as well as the loss of the green spaces and habitat for local wildlife.

Citizens the world over and here in Australia , we have all been impacted in one way or another the devastation left by the bushfires in 2019-2020 and the flooding which according to the communities currently in Northern New South Wales, haven't experienced it this bad before.

With climate change making the natural cycles of rain, fire, earthquakes, etc. more frequent and more intense, we would expect the decision makers will take note and implement measures that will somehow mitigate this impact. By approving this new housing development the council is neither showing leadership nor vision of a future living with the effects that climate change may bring.

I am urging you to stop the approval of this development proposal.

Regards,

Carla Bridle

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I am concerned about the significant bushfire risk of this proposed development  
It seems to be against all that we have learnt about building in fire prone areas  
It will be incredibly difficult to insure houses and expensive to build under the regulations that exist

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French's Forest

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I am against any further development of this precious area, in particular Lizard Rock. This development will spoil the area that I love.

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I object to the foreseeable loss of habitat for flora and fauna likely as a result of the proposal

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submission

I strongly object to the proposed rezoning and development PP-2022-3802 - Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose (or “Lizard Rock”).

As a long time resident of the Northern Beaches and daily user of our local bushlands, I have grave concerns about the consequences of the proposed rezoning and development of this bushland, the residents and the long term impacts to greater Sydney. The reasons I am strongly opposing the proposal are as follows...

- (1) The proposal will decimate the wildlife corridor connecting Garigal National Park, Narrabeen Lagoon State Park and private lands, which will have the consequence of immediate loss of habitat for the flora and fauna of the area and have a further serious impact to the area’s high level of biodiversity.
- (2) Due to the topographical positioning of the area in the proposal, there will be serious consequences with the proposed handling of stormwater. It will all flow directly from the area covered by the proposed into the bushland before entering the estuary. This will threaten flora and fauna of other areas, which will include the threatened species of the red-crowned toadlet and spotted-tail quoll.
- (3) Destroying an area as large as that in the proposal subjects the surrounding area to increased temperatures, higher energy usage and levels of pollutant due the loss of the trees, shrubs and native grasses. The loss of such a large area of carbon sink will increase the effect of climate change to the local area, greater Sydney and beyond.
- (4) Houses in the proposed development area, according to independent advice, will be subject to Very High to Extreme risk of bushfire events. The proposed houses are known to be unsafe and yet the proposal has not addressed these risks, including the concerns over viability of evacuation and safety to the proposed residents. The further implication is that if the proposed houses were to be made safe, a large protection zone would be required which would mean a further impact to the wildlife corridor.
- (5) The impact to local traffic and congestion has not been adequately addressed, specifically the impacts to Forest Way, Wakehurst Parkway and Warringah Road. Given the proposed houses are to be built away from an urban centre, there is inadequate access to shops and public transport, the natural consequence is the impact of the proposed resident’s cars on the surrounding roads, further exacerbating the traffic problems and amplifying the effect of

urban sprawl.

(6) This proposed development has not been planned in concert with the Northern Beaches Council's strategic planning to meet housing needs. It has been exercised in isolation of the Council's plans and therefore the Northern Beaches resident's desire for the area. Any major development needs to be part of the council's broader planning strategies.

(7) The rezoning proposal is at odds with the Northern Beaches Council's draft plans to zone private land in this area as Rural and C3 Environmental Management zoning, which was a result of the evidence based approach of the Northern Beaches Council's strategic review of land use in the Metropolitan Rural Area in Oxford Falls and Belrose. Furthermore, approving the proposal would form an inappropriate precedent for the landowners of the MRA, which would further erode remaining bushlands on private land.

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submission

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my strong objection to the proposed development of Patyagarang (Lizard Rock), Belrose (PP-2022-3802). I am a Northern Beaches resident and I write on behalf of those who cannot write a submission for themselves – the wildlife that lives in this beautiful bushland, and the future generations who deserve to live in a survivable climate and experience our wonderful local natural bushland.

The proposed development will destroy a vast tract of untouched bushland that exists today as it did when our First Nations resided there before the arrival of Europeans. It is unfathomable to me that the Government would consider approving the rezoning and the destruction of a swathe of bushland that holds intact ecosystems, magnificent canopy trees, diverse and endangered flora and fauna and important Aboriginal landmarks.

The world is experiencing its hottest year on record, our world is spiralling into a hothouse of climate catastrophes due to carbon emissions; it seems madness to remove a vast area of natural green bushland that helps soak up carbon and keep our community cool. Paving over this green area will simply increase local temperatures at a time when we should be doing everything to cool things down.

This development will mean:

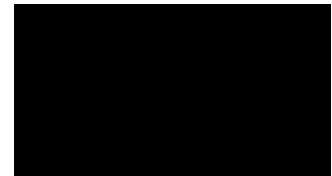
- Loss of habitat for iconic species of flora and fauna such as swamp wallabies
- Impacts on the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment as stormwater from the development will flow down hill, with less bushland to filter the water before it enters the estuary. This will impact on threatened species including the red-crowned toadlet and spotted-tail quoll in the bushland, and on marine animals that live in the lagoon.

I support this bushland being granted status as a national park to preserve important corridors that connect private land, Garigal National Park, and Narrabeen Lagoon State Park. This area has high biodiversity value and is irreplaceable. A national park will provide opportunity for eco-tourism, bushwalking and other nature activities that benefit the health and wellbeing of local residents and visitors.

It has been identified that the Lizard Rock site includes areas of Very High – Extreme bushfire risk. The costs of building and insuring residential housing to protect from fire damage are likely to be astronomical.

Surely all other options for housing development need to be exhausted before resorting to building over our natural forest. It needs imaginative and creative thinking. The days of simply resorting to land clearing to create living spaces are antiquated. Other options for housing are numerous, varied and available within existing urban spaces. Approving the planning proposal would create an inappropriate precedent that gives other landowners opportunity to seek a spot-rezoning, further eroding the remaining bushland on private land.

We are facing an extinction crisis and we all have a responsibility to ensure the preservation of Australia's highly valued biodiversity. In the long term, this site has much higher value as an intact bushland, that greatly outweighs the short term gain derived from converting it into urban sprawl. Future generations will thank us for our long term vision.





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submission

I wish to add a submission to the large number of submissions objecting to the Planning Proposal for the Lizard Rock Development.

I am aware that numerous experts in relevant fields (bushfire, environment, traffic, financial merit) have joined with the Northern Beaches Council, State and Federal Members and overwhelming numbers of local community members to oppose this development, which is misguided, ill-planned and dangerous. There are so many grounds on which this proposals fails, that it is frankly alarming that the MLALC has submitted this plan at all, and even more alarming that it has reached this stage.

I have thoroughly read the Proposal and intend to address just a few of the more glaring and obvious weaknesses.

1. The proposal flies in the face of almost all of its own stated objectives: it does not facilitate a mixture of compatible land uses, it does not conserve and protect biodiversity and important environmental values of the land, it does not conserve and protect the site's Aboriginal Heritage. The NB Council has stated many times that it is meeting its responsibilities to deliver new housing without the need to develop this site (or any others subject to MLALC applications). There is every reason to believe that the proposed community cultural centre will fall by the wayside, as they have in other developments of this type elsewhere. The MLALC pay lip-service to cultural protection.
2. The proposal fails on many aspects of the Region and District Plan, including socially connected communities, see above. To take just a few: the "plans" regarding 10% affordable housing are intentionally vague and unenforceable, as the proposal itself notes. Like the cultural community facility, it is more than probable that these aspects of the development are window dressing and would never eventuate. Local Aboriginal elders reject this development. The transport assessment is flawed: earlier Transport for NSW assessments have admitted that the roads around the site are already overused and the site is definitely not accessible to pedestrians or public transport. The proposal is accompanied by a NON-BINDING VPA offer to deliver upgrades to the Morgan Road/Forestway intersection, which Transport for NSW has already stated is not a viable option. The proposed slipway would be on the doorstep of an Aged Care facility, and that is without even going into the bushfire evacuation problem. Like the resident of the large development off Perentie Road, the residents of Lizard Rock would be highly dependent on private vehicle transport, adding to the Forestway commuter nightmare.
3. The proposal fails even more of the LSPS priorities: There is an admission within the proposal itself that it fails Planning Priority 4; "Avoid urban

intensification", but when it comes to Planning Priority 8, it fails spectacularly. The relevant fire hazards and risks are recognised to be very high. What is the point of consulting the NSW Rural Fire Service, SES etc after the proposal has reached this stage? The risks are obvious and extreme. Anyone who witnessed the 1994 bushfires in this area knows that the Lizard Rock is exposed to the highest level of risk, which cannot be mitigated.

4. The proposal fails the biodiversity protection test. It suggests it might rely on the Biodiversity Offset Scheme to overcome the obvious and recognised threats it poses to threatened fauna and flora. Surely this site would better be used as a biodiversity offset itself, since it is already rich in biodiversity, being an area of "relatively intact native vegetation", providing "habitat for up to 35 threatened fauna species."

4. Bushfire evacuation is a Fail; Slope Stability is a Fail; even one member of the Sydney North Planning Panel considered the proposal did NOT adequately respond to the environmental and other constraints of the site."

5. Ultimately, it is hard to imagine that this development could even pass the financial viability test. On top of the huge site stabilisation works, the 450 houses would need to be built to the most stringent and most expensive level of bushfire management compliance features, resulting in the developer selling each home for a very high price. Any careful prospective purchaser would soon find their insurance premiums would be prohibitive, if they were even insurable. Those who took the chance would soon find themselves experiencing the prospect of regular evacuation warnings, and in extreme cases, relying on RFS, SES and other emergency personnel to put their lives at risk to protect the residents and their property. The folly of this venture in 2023 is difficult to overstate.

Please heed the grave community concerns and terminate this proposal now.

Sincerely,  
Linda Coyle

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I believe the construction of so many houses within area creates a real threat to property and life from Bushfire especially considering the lack of access to the area.  
This area should be kept as native bush land for everyone to enjoy.

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I object to the Patyegarang Proposal because of the traffic congestion & urban sprawl as well as the loss of flora & fauna.  
I also object to development on land that was claimed deceptively under the guise of being culturally sensitive to Indigenous people.

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I oppose the development on the grounds that there is already too much traffic. There is an obvious bush fire problem in the area and an increased flood risk.

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I object to the lizard rock proposal which will affect the loss of habitat for flora and fauna and will start more local development in subsequent years. The aboriginal Centre is a good idea but not the 450 dwellings.

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I love the nature, walking through it, working with it. I'd hate to see it bulldozed down I



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I strongly object to the Patyegarang Project because:

The incredible loss of vegetation and wildlife  
This would be the result of this intensive residential development if it was progressed.  
We are so lucky to have such wonderful bushland and immense biodiversity including some threatened species and we must preserve it and the carbon sink that it performs.

Bushfire Risk  
The area is known to be bushfire prone and would be difficult to protect due to the steepness of the site.

Rezoning as R2  
This does not match the local zone and is incompatible with the surrounding landscape. It should be zoned as C2 or rural.

Unsuitable local roads and Lack of Public Transport  
This development would create many dangerous traffic situations, due to the narrow, steep and winding terrain and the fact that the development is proposed on both sides of the road.

Please Stop or at least reassess this uncharacteristic local development

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- Loss of habitat
- Bushfire risk
- Local biodiversity protection
- Narabeen lagoon catchment.

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I'm completely against the Patyegarang planning proposal at Morgan Road, Belrose – also known as ‘Lizard Rock’.  
The planning proposal has significant planning, environmental and hazard issues, including bushfire risks, enormous loss of high biodiversity habitat, inconsistency with planning strategies and inconsistency with Council’s Conservation Zones Review.  
I do not believe this proposal should go ahead

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I object to the proposed Patyegarang development at Morgan Road. This development is inappropriate for the area. It will require unnecessary clearing of native bushland - there are other places more suited to residential development. The local infrastructure is not suitable for a development of this size - our council strategic plan is not aligned with the proposal. The development will cause the loss of local flora and fauna - this is particularly distressing as the local Aboriginal community has previously been very active in protecting the local habitat. Planning Proposal PP-2022-3802 should not be approved.

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**submission**

I support the building of homes at lizard rock and hope all stand firm against those NIBYs. We urgently need more homes !!!

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submission

I object to the Lizard Rock (Patyegarang) Planning Proposal. The loss of this beautiful habitat will destroy the character and significance of the area. I understand that this area has great cultural significance to the local Aboriginal community, so I question why anyone would want to develop this area. I do support a cultural centre and I would hope that it would be used to educate our community.

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PS. I just did one and it didn't look to go through.

Regards  
Brian Tracey

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Regards  
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submission

There are a number of information boards erected by the MLALC which importantly tell us that the subject land “ contains unique and ecologically significant habitats”. They go on to inform us that the land in question is home to at least 163 fauna and 517 flora species of which there are 18 threatened fauna species and 7 threatened flora species. The signs go on to say that to prevent local extinction of these threatened species, active land management is needed to control weeds, maintain water quality, erosion control and preventing plant and frog pathogens from entering the area.

The threatened species are fully listed on the signage and include:

Eastern Pygmy Possum, Southern Brown Bandicoot, Spotted-tailed Quoll, Little and Eastern Bentwing Bat, Eastern Freetail Bat, Southern Myotis, and the Greater Broad-nosed Bat. There are various threatened bird and reptile species also listed.

Australia has a history of extinctions of our native fauna and flora and much of this can be blamed on the ignorance of past generations but also on a lack of understanding of the importance of maintaining a balance in our environments.

Climate Change is demonstrating that we can not allow a continuation of the destruction of habitats as they will not recover.

Therefore it would appear that this proposal is at odds with current science and thinking on saving habitats and also maintaining native Bush.

How can a plan to build 450 houses on such important ecological land be allowed? How can a Government allow the destruction of habitat for so many vulnerable species?

On one hand the MLALC are telling us that as First Nation representatives and owners of this special and important land, that it contains so many threatened species and then, on the other, tell us that it is fit for 450 houses.

On ecological grounds alone, this development should be allowed.

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submission

I object the proposal as it will increase the temperature of the area and destroy natural forest- we should work on increasing density rather than expanding

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Regards,  
Dylan Penhale



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**submission**

I oppose the proposal to Rezone bushland at Lizard Rock Morgan Road Belrose to deliver 450 dwellings for many reasons but the main ones are Loss of habitat for flora and fauna, traffic congestion, carbon impact and destroying the character of Morgan road

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This land has historical recreational significance for mountain bikers, and more importantly it is still currently a great source of recreation. Mountain bikers and bush walkers work with the environment to preserve as much of it as we can. I believe this unique piece of land on the North side of Morgan Road is held more dearly and holds more significance to the local community even more so than the indigenous community, because otherwise they wouldn't be developing it. If they claim ownership of this land due to its significance to them, then they must preserve it and be held accountable. To claim ownership of land because it's sacred to you and then develop it is a crime against the people and as our representatives we request that you stand up for us.

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**submission**

I make this submission on behalf of my family. We are strongly opposed to the Patyegarang Planning Proposal and associated Development Plans, especially with respect to the Site at Corymbia Circuit, Oxford Falls (referred to in previous MLALC development plans and proposals as "Site 5B"), for the reasons outlined in the attached submission.

We note that it is environmentally reckless and contrary to good planning principles. We also note that it is strongly opposed by the Northern Beaches Council.

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# Submission opposing Patyegarang Planning Proposal PP-2022-3802

Dr David Boyle and Dr Kirsten Stuart

29 October 2023

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## Summary:

**We strongly oppose the Patyegarang Planning Proposal and associated Development Plans, especially with respect to the Site at Corymbia Circuit, Oxford Falls (referred to in previous MLALC development plans and proposals as “Site 5B”), for the reasons outlined in this submission.**

## Submission by:

Dr David Boyle and Dr Kirsten Stuart, residents of 40 Corymbia Circuit, Oxford Falls.

We make this submission in accordance with the requirements outlined on the NSW State Government Planning Portal associated with the MLALC Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose planning proposal PP-2022-3802 (<https://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/ppr/under-exhibition/patyegarang-morgan-road-belrose>).

## Submission Details:

We strongly object to this Patyegarang Planning Proposal, especially with respect to the Site at **Corymbia Circuit, Oxford Falls (previously referred to as Site 5B)**, for the reasons outlined below.

Henceforth in this submission, we continue to refer to the proposed Sites for development at Corymbia Circuit, Oxford Falls as “Site 5B” and “Site5A”, aligning with the previous identification naming in prior MLALC development and planning proposals.

### 1. Environmental Recklessness: Environmental Damage and Impact vs. Return on Development

- **The high environmental cost and economic/financial cost of development far outweighs the return on development for the NSW Government and MLALC (the creation of at most 15-20 new homes on Site 5B, Corymbia Circuit).** This is detailed by the points raised below:
- Site 5B on Corymbia Circuit is characterized by **natural bushland** with **very steep topography**, including cliffs and rocky outcrops.

- To alter this landscape for the purposes of residential development would require **considerable destruction of the natural bushland** through clearing and site alterations. We strongly object to this destruction.
- The clearing of trees and vegetation, and the associated site alterations required with such steep topography carries a **very high risk of ongoing site damage due to erosion**.
  - Removal of natural vegetation and trees on sites such as this presents significant problems for water and wind-based erosion.
  - This is especially true in high rainfall events such as East Coast low pressure systems that typically result in very large coastal rainfall. This has occurred on Site 5B many times, including especially large rainfall events during 2016 and in subsequent years (refer Australian Bureau of Meteorology).
  - According to the NSW Government's own climate change and environment website ([www.climatechange.environment.nsw.gov.au/storms-and-floods](http://www.climatechange.environment.nsw.gov.au/storms-and-floods)): "East coast lows usually occur around 10 times each year ... making them one of the more dangerous weather systems in NSW".
- **Site 5B would require significant works to:**
  - Clear and build perimeter roads and access, especially noting the steep terrain
  - Clear bush, trees and vegetation
  - Adhere to bushfire requirements including asset protection zones, minimum setback requirements and building standards
  - Remediate landfill on the western edge of the site
  - Formulate and then execute site and building plans to accommodate the very steep topography involved
  - Add utilities and services such as water, sewerage, stormwater, power, gas, phone and NBN
- The **associated cost involved with these works would be very high, from both an environmental and a financial perspective**.
- Based on the land area proposed, **Site 5B would at best support approximately 15-20 new homes** at a maximum. This is not worth the high environmental and economic costs outlined above.

## 2. Bushfire Compliance and Risk

- **We are strongly opposed to the development of Site 5B due to bushfire risk considerations, including adequate emergency ingress/egress, minimum setback requirements, asset protection zones, and the associated building costs for adequate compliance with bushfire regulations.**
- **Site 5B faces North** and has **very steep topography**. It is **set in dense bushland with eucalyptus trees and dense undergrowth**. These represent considerable risk factors for bushfire.
- There would need to be considerable **Asset Protection Zones** incorporated in any development, and **minimum setback requirements** would be **significant** and potentially **difficult to achieve** on Site 5B.

- **Bushfire compliance generally would be difficult and costly to achieve** on Site 5B.
- We have significant concern regarding **adequate evacuation ingress/egress**, with Corymbia Circuit the only road providing access. During controlled burn operations recently, the addition of only two firefighting units in Corymbia Circuit made ingress/egress extremely difficult for other vehicles. Adding more homes under this DDP would only exacerbate this problem and could present a real risk to safety of residents and the ability for firefighting to be effectively executed in the event of bushfire outbreak.

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### 3. Environmental Conservation Considerations – Destruction of Bushland

- **We object strongly to the destruction of contiguous, peaceful and scenic bushland that provides an important wildlife corridor and supports a myriad of fauna and flora.**
- The proposal constitutes a **piecemeal destruction** of what is currently **contiguous bushland** across the majority of the valley to the North of Corymbia Circuit and down to Morgan Rd. We strongly advocate leaving the bushland intact – especially with respect to Site 5B Corymbia Circuit.
- This bushland represents a **significant environmental wildlife corridor**. We strongly object to its destruction and the **consequent destruction of wildlife habitat**.
  - A wide variety of **flora and fauna** is supported by the bushland at Site 5B.
  - We regularly see **animals** including wallabies, bandicoots, possums, frogs, goannas, water dragons, blue-tongued lizards, snakes, owls, mopokes, and birds of many varieties not least of which include gang-gangs, black cockatoos, kookaburras, rosellas, parrots, lyre birds, whip birds, wattle birds and many other local species.
  - Destruction of the bushland at Site 5B represents the **destruction of these creatures' natural habitat**. We are strongly opposed to this, and advocate retaining the natural bush environment on Site 5B.
  - The SEPP and DDP state that Site 5C is slated for “environmental offset”. The notion that bushland at Sites 5A and 5B can be destroyed, but Site 5C left alone and then **claimed as an “environmental offset”**, is **patently ridiculous**. A true offset can only be created if new bushland is created to replace that destroyed by the development of Sites 5A and 5B. We strongly reject the argument that some kind of environmental “offset” is being generated.

### 4. Loss of Amenity

- **We strongly oppose the destruction of the bush outlook, the peaceful bush sounds, recreational bushwalking and mountain biking trails, and general amenity that the bushland at Site 5B provides.**
- There are many **bushwalking and mountain biking trails** on Site 5B that are regularly used by locals and visitors alike. Development of the site would necessarily involve the destruction of the bush and associated trails.
- The **bush** on Site 5B provides a **beautiful, peaceful outlook**, supported by all the **natural sounds of nature** that such a bush setting supports. This provides significant joy to us as

residents. The potential loss of this amenity is devastating to us, and we strongly oppose the development of Site 5B accordingly.

## 5. Local Roads and Traffic Volumes – Limited Infrastructure

**- We are strongly opposed to the increased traffic volumes, congestion and traffic noise associated with development of Site 5B. In addition there is no infrastructure available on the site to support new housing development.**

- There is a **single road** that would support Sites 5A and 5B – Corymbia Circuit (extending Wearden Rd).

- This road would need significant **remediation** (widening, etc.) were it to support the increased traffic volume that residential development brings.

- Such increased traffic also brings **increased congestion and increased traffic noise**. We are strongly opposed to this and believe the correct balance of these factors exists presently.

- There is no sewage, power or other infrastructure to support development of this site.

## 6. The proposal is totally misaligned with good planning principles

**For the reasons outlined above, this development goes strongly against good planning principles. We are strongly opposed to the destruction of large swathes of bushland and the placement of many homes and people in an area with high bushfire risk and very limited infrastructure.**

**Clearing high value bushland for low density housing is outdated, unstrategic and risky.**

- As identified through strategic planning by the Northern Beaches Council, **there are alternative smart locations** in the council area for new housing development where adequate infrastructure exists.

- We note that Northern Beaches Council also stringently opposes this development plan on these and other grounds.

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My name is Olivia Ward and I am 10 years of age. My auntie and cousin live in Belrose, my favourite time of the week is mostly Thursdays because I get to go over to their house and run around on the oval and hang out in her garden. It would be absolutely devastating if all that land was gone. The land is so beautiful in that area and I love the view at lizard rock and to see the beautiful Aboriginal art so please stop and save lizard rock so that I can keep on doing what I love.



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Regards

Simon Bailey

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submission

I oppose the Patyegarang Planning Proposal as it will lead to the loss of habitat for flora and fauna. Please stop this over development of the Northern Beaches. This will destroy the character of Morgan Road.

Submission Type

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POSSIBLY MY THIRD SUBMISSION, as you are not acknowledging my submissions!??

Hello .. I strongly oppose this proposal for the following reasons:-

No public transport in Morgan Rd, Belrose .. State Govt is encouraging development on existing transport routes, and Morgan Road has none,

Impact of drainage run off on Narrabeen Lagoon, which floods regularly, closing Wakehurst Parkway.

Continued unnecessary urban sprawl.

Major fire risk with global warming set to continue.

Carbon impact of clearing more Bushland.

Loss of habitat for flora and fauna ...

BTW I voted Yes for the Voice to Parliament .

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I am against this proposal due to the further loss of native habitat and the preservation of this nature for future generations to enjoy.

Submission Type

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I object to the planning proposal due to loss of habitat for flora and fauna, bushfire risk, trigger for more local development, over population & increased traffic & pollution.

Submission Type

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I object to this planning proposal due to liss of biodiversity for future generations, traffic congestion & urban sprawl, bushfire risk, loss of habitat for flora & fauna, and carbon impact of clearing bushland.

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submission

MY FIRST SUBMISSION, BEING SUBMITTED AGAIN BECAUSE I DID NOT RECEIVE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ...

Hello .. Under what type of land title ownership is the land currently owned by the MLALC at Oxford Falls, that is proposed to house 450 dwellings? Is this land currently held as Freehold Torrens Title, or is it currently owned under Common Law Community Title land.  
If this land is sold/developed, how will the proceeds be distributed within the MLALC? Under what type of land title (Freehold, Strata, o Panay title or Common/Community ownership) will these 450 houses have? Will all 450 houses/dwellings, if this proposal proceeds, be available for sale? Will anyone be able to buy one or more of these dwellings?

Please refer to the SMH article by Parnell McGuinness, dated 22 October, 2023 and titled “Post Voice, we need to confront uncomfortable truths. Let’s start with Mabo”. ... and along with this journalist, I also voted Yes at the recent Voice referendum.



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I oppose the development at lizard rock.  
We need to save this special place from more development and destruction of natural habitat. Our children and families are going to loose a place to enjoy our nature and environment. This is a place where many enjoy a natural outlet of the great outdoors like bush walking and mountain biking. I love lizard rock with many memories flooding back over the 37 years living on the northern beaches and the area that surrounds. I would like to say this is a sad scenario to see as our gift from the custodian of this land have ensured it's preservation over millions of years I pray you will be enlightened by the countless people this development will impact.

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Take some land back from golf courses instead

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I oppose the development of lizard rock on Morgan Road in Belrose.  
It is an environmentally sensitive area and any housing that is built will destroy the native flora and fauna, create traffic issues, and water run-off impacting the Wakehurst Parkway and surrounding areas including Narrabeen Lagoon.

Submission Type

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Frenchs Forest

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submission

To whom it may concern,  
I reject the development of Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose, otherwise known locally as Lizard Rock. The destruction of this bush site would be catastrophic for the local flora and fauna, some of which are endangered. It is one of the last bush reserves on the Northern Beaches and in part provides the green lungs of Northern Sydney; even the local indigenous descendants of this area are opposed to this ridiculous development.

The proposal of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council to build up to 450 houses and to bulldoze mostly virginal bushland is beyond excessive. It does not abide by the planning principles of the Northern Beaches Council. This site is in a bushfire zone and with no infrastructure. Also with the sloping gradient of this bush site with creeks, there are real concerns about pollution runoff which will affect the local wildlife sanctuaries and will filter into nearby Narrabeen Lakes. As a resident of the Northern Beaches, I was born here, and currently, I am raising a family here and have lived here for my entire life, I am appalled that in this day and age hectares of bushland that is not protected under state or national park status can be sold off for greed.

Kind regards,

Christina Budden

Submission Type

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submission

I strongly oppose the plan to develop this land to build houses. this is a special area for people to use for bushwalking riding enjoying the wildlife and silence in a country where land is sold for Development too readily. I believe allowing this to go ahead will set a precedence which can not be turned back. We have too much housing and not enough natural land surely with all the issues we already have from climate change due to destruction of natural environment will come back to haunt us. Too many people oppose this

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submission

I oppose this development due to the obvious bush fire risk, the worsening traffic congestion and the increased risk of flooding.

Submission Type

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EAST LINDFIELD

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submission

I object to the proposed development of Patyegarang along Morgan Road due to the loss of biodiversity habitat by clearing of large areas of native bushland. It will also cause siltation of Narrabeen Lakes from runoff. it is in a region of high bushfire risk, with limited road access in and out. The proposed development is well away from established public transport routes.



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**submission**

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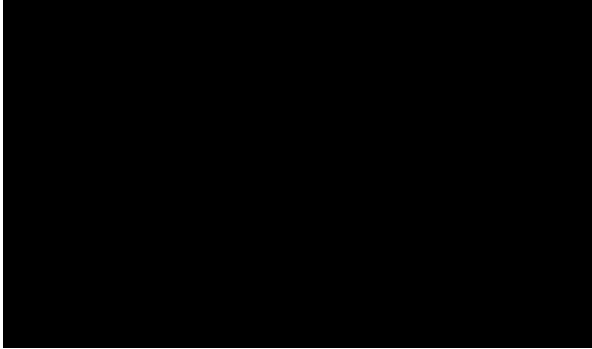
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Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,



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**First Name**

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**Family name**

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**Suburb/ Town**

Seaforth

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**submission**

Dear Minister Scully,  
I feel strongly that this development is totally unsuitable for the area and ask you to consider preventing it's going ahead.  
Kind regards, [REDACTED]

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submission

Clearing so much bushland is excessive. Placing homes and people in a high bushfire risk area is dangerous. The area lacks sufficient infrastructure. The rezoning is inconsistent with strategic planning goals in the area.

Submission Type

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submission

I object to the proposal as the land is part of the natural catchment area and development of the land will cause flooding and instability of the geology. The suburb already has land which can be redeveloped to intensify the residential capacity. We should explore this before developing pristine lands.

Submission Type

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This plan is too much for an already overwhelmed area.



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**submission**

I am against the development of the Patyegarang Planning proposal for the reason we will see a loss of habitat for flora and fauna not to mention the bush fire risk.

Submission Type

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submission

I disagree with scale and destruction of bushland for this proposed development. The area does not have the infrastructure to support this development and the loss of bushland habitat is detrimental to the people as well as animals in our area.

I voted yes in the recent referendum, those that brand me a racist for opposing this development are not looking at the facts and logic of this proposal, high fire danger, over development, loss of urban bushland habitat. If any other developer proposed this, the proposal would fail.

We must be logical about this development and balance that with local area concerns. There are other more suitable sites with better access, safer and wont disturb native wildlife and loss of bushland. These things enhance our area , people want to live here for the natural beauty and forest. Its disappearing quickly in Frenchs Forest lets not do the same here.

Submission Type

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submission

I oppose the development of the Patyegarang Planning Proposal formally know as Lizard Rock due the loss of habitat for flora and fauna and further traffic congestion and urban sprawl

Thanks

Robert

Submission Type

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submission

I am a volunteer wildlife rescuer and carer and see so many animals come into care because of habitat destruction. If we keep removing bushland for development then eventually there will be none left for any native wildlife - only property developers benefit from this. Do we leave nothing for other beings who have lived here for so long?

I understand that this is aboriginal land and I feel sorry that they are being pushed to destroy their own country to survive in this modern world.

Submission Type

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I am a little bemused that land currently untouched generally by human endeavour is slated for redevelopment.  
By taking a global perspective of serious inclement weather events that seem to occur on an ever increasing scale, is a development such as this proposal adding to the environmental conundrum.

Loss of amenity, loss of habitat, increasing scope 2 and 3 impacts with increased traffic both during construction and after, reduction of intergenerational equity are pretty salient reasons why future housing development as proposed should be limited to areas where original land modification e.g. existing residences and altered land exist.  
Added to this is the risk of constructing in a fire zone with 1) insurance potentially unobtainable or 2) adding significant cost in the order of 30% to meet upgraded regulation seems inappropriate.  
Consequently I object to the proposal.

Your sincerely

Joe Hauser

Submission Type

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Thank you for your consideration  
Sincerely,

Larry Paice.

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submission

I am strongly opposed to the planned development at Lizard Rock. It is environmentally reckless, and presents significant fire safety hazards. I care enough about this issue that if it is mishandled that would outweigh other factors in my future voting at state elections.



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I object against the loss of habitat for flora and fauna.

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submission

I object to the Patyegarang Planning Proposal formally known as Lizard Rock (Morgan Road Belrose for the following reasons:  
Loss of habitat of flora and fauna,  
Heightened bushfire risk,  
Further traffic congestion & urban sprawl,  
Loss of biodiversity for future generations,  
Increased flooding potential,  
Carbon impact of clearing yet more bushland (which seems contrary to Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (Metro LALC) as custodians of the land to be  
profiting from said development of the land)  
Trigger more unnecessary local development,  
Destruction of the character of Morgan Road and the greater area in general.

Submission Type

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Fairlight

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submission

This proposal will desecrate valuable ecosystems and species further eroding the amount of bushland in the Sydney region.  
In its current form this land holds the most value as bushland.  
One it is gone it can never ever be replaced.  
Pleas stop this proposal to detroy this now.

**Submission Type**

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Beacon Hill

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**submission**

I reject the proposal mainly for the impact it would have on Traffic Congestion and Urban Sprawl

Submission Type

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David

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Frenchs Forest

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submission

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a lifelong resident of Frenchs Forest and am writing to oppose the proposed rezoning of land at Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose.

I believe that the proposal should be refused for the following reasons.

Firstly, the proposed development would cause a massive loss of habitat in an area of amazing biodiversity and have a terrible impact on the many native species present, such as swamp wallabies and quolls. Even wombats and koalas have been recently sighted in this area.

Secondly, the proposed development lies within the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment area and would have a serious negative impact on the lagoon. Increased stormwater runoff and pollution would exacerbate existing challenges re water quality in the lagoon compromising its health and safety for recreational users and marine life.

Thirdly, the location of this development means it would be at great risk in the event of bushfire. Independent advice has identified serious concerns about the site itself and the viability of evacuation from an isolated location served by only one road.

Fourthly, approval of this proposal would create yet more urban sprawl, as hundreds of residential buildings are built kilometres away from existing infrastructure. Residents would be reliant on cars rather than able to walk or use the existing bus services to travel to shops and workplaces. Already serious congestion on Forest Way, Wakehurst Parkway and Warringah Road would only be worsened.

For these reasons, I strongly oppose the proposed development.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

David Youman

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submission

I oppose the said development at lizard rock. Due to loss of habitat, traffic congestion and urban sprawl robbing us all of wonderful trails and enjoying nature.

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submission

I object to the rezoning of bush land to build up to 450 dwellings at what was formerly called Lizard Rock. My reasons are: 1. loss of habitat for the beautiful flora and fauna; 2. traffic congestion and urban sprawl; 3. the loss of biodiversity for future generations especially my grandchildren as well as others; and 4. The character of Belrose will inevitably change with it becoming a densely populated suburb.

Please don't allow this development to happen.



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submission

I object to this proposal. It is unnecessary and would cause major damages.

Submission Type

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make a submission regarding the proposed planning for housing at Lizard Rock, Morgan Road, Belrose.

It will be a great travesty is this planning goes through. It will mean the destruction of some beautiful bush land within the Northern Beaches area.

Not only will it mean the destruction of an area of natural bush land, destroying all the flora and fauna within, but it will become a very high risk area for the proposed houses to be built. Due to the terrain the houses will have to be structurally suitable, meaning they will be very expensive, and also they will be subject to bushfire as there is only one access road in and out of the area. It will become an unaffordable area to live abs a dangerous area to live. Any water run-off will also go into the Narrabeen Lake area and make it unlovable for the wildlife and water creatures to survive.

The one nice thing about Sydney is that we are a big city with lovely green untouched natural areas. How about we leave them alone.

The destruction to our wildlife will be enormous. There are many species of birds and animals and insects living in this area and they will all be destroyed and killed and their homes destroyed. It is destruction which will never be reversed.

Please do not allow this planning to go through and leave the natural bushland for the wildlife we have left in this area and for us as residents to enjoy.

Yours faithfully

Catherine Elizabeth Brennan  
63 Ralston Avenue  
Belrose.

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submission

The Patyegarang development proposal by the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council aims to create 450 homes on bushland in Belrose, Northern Beaches. This plan involves clearing 45 hectares while preserving 30% of the site, including the protection of culturally significant rock carvings.

Supporters of the project emphasize the potential benefits of a mixed-use medium-density development, which would support local businesses and public transportation. They argue that the imposed cap of 450 dwellings by the Sydney North Planning Panel is arbitrary and limiting.

Critics' concerns about the Land Rights Act and land use restrictions hindering self-determination are refuted by supporters who maintain that this development is an opportunity for Indigenous communities to provide housing, generate economic growth, and preserve their culture. They believe it aligns with the principles of the Land Rights Act, and international examples, such as those in North America, show the potential for self-determination through land development.

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**submission**

I object to the proposal on the loss of habitat for flora and fauna. The land was originally for this purpose, regardless of whom may have so called rights, it should stay that way for everyone

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I object to this proposal based on interruption to the local wildlife, the hazard of bushfires and destruction of native land

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I strongly object to this proposal because of the destruction of native landscape, the negative effect it will have on the local wildlife and the bushfire danger. Traffic congestion and lack of infrastructure is also paramount!

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- I oppose the development on the grounds of - Bushfire risk
- Traffic congestion
- Loss of biodiversity for future generations

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submission

I heartily reject and gravely oppose the submission for multiple reasons:

- loss of habitat
- huge bushfire risks to neighbouring suburbs and the community you plan to install there
- loss of biodiversity to our future generations- think of the black cockatoos. Name another place in Sydney you can see them - you cant you have to drive miles out!
- the carbon impact of clearing - you are meant to be reducing the impact not increasing it! Maybe start rezoning and getting some medium density around the local shops instead of single levels!
- destroying the amenity of the area!
- Infrastructure - you canned the beaches tunnel and you have no proposals to add more transportation to the area how would the system cope?



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I object to the amended proposal for Patyegarang as it still means a huge loss of habitat for our native animals and plants. It is a serious bushfire risk given our current concerns with global warming and with more traffic congestion it is of even more concern. The character of this beautiful area will be totally destroyed - we need to preserve what we can for future generations or this will be only the beginning of even more development destruction. Please don't destroy what small pockets of bush land we still have - or this will be a very sad day if this is approved. The impact of 450 extra dwellings will be catastrophic.

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Do not destruct the environment for more housing.

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submission

I strongly oppose the development of the Patyegarang Planning Proposal known as Lizard Rock.  
The loss of habitat for flora and fauna will destroy the natural beauty of the area.  
Where will the animals go. We are creating extinction of our unique wildlife.  
It is criminal, all for profit and monetary gain.  
Do not allow this to happen to our beautiful bush land.

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submission

I oppose the Lizard Rock development as it will destroy the local flora and fauna, which is already strained, is within a serious bushfire area and thus a real risk, increase the already bad traffic congestion and take away a lovely environment for our children and their children.

I have no problem with developing housing, but not making current areas more densely populated than they are. Sydney needs to spread out and infrastructure built to deal with it, not simply throwing people into apartment living with a grassed area at the entrance. So many more problems will result in the long term

I also am angry that governments really could not care less...they never think ahead...it's always short-sighted and attempting to appease minorities...so wrong.

Please make right decisions, not decisions about money or re-election.

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submission

I object to the loss of natural habitat and the carbon impact of clearing natural bush land.  
I'm also interested to know how this parcel of land came from a cultural significant area for the Aboriginal people to lets sell and make some MONEY..? NOT Sacred anymore...?

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submission

I am against the proposal of the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (Metro LALC) for a residential development and cultural centre located near Morgan Road, Belrose.

This proposal:

-Is way too dense for its situation. It is utterly inappropriate for its location because it doesn't take into account significant bushfire risk, lack of infrastructure and threat to the comfort and convenience of any potential new residents. It also ignores the unique heritage value of the landscape, water and wildlife of the area. In addition, the negative impact the develpment has will spread beyond the area itself.

- It will remove habitat and food for endangered species ...
- Will destroy precious local heritage. There is zero allowance in this plan for the preservation of any of the bushland in this area...
- Will cause damage to Narrabeen Lagoon with a great amount of run-off created from bulldozing such a large area of bush and replacing it with storm water produced by houses, roads and driveways ...
- Will bury, block and distort natural waterways, further damaging Narrabeen Lagoon ...
- Will deprive Sydney of yet another part of it's 'green lungs' ...
- In a time of increasing ambient temperatures, which threaten the health of local communities, this development is most certainly large enough to raise the ambient temperature of the Belrose/Oxford Falls region during hot summers, by removing trees and replacing with concrete and tar, which absorb and store heat all day and into the night ... trees are known to reduce ambient temperatures by a significant amount through transpiration and creation of shady zones, while dense urban areas are renowned for increasing local temperatures. Penrith in Sydney is a classic case of this phenomenon ... on one occasion, a couple of years ago, it was the hottest city on earth at 48° ...
- This proposal will increase car traffic significantly, as there is zero public transport in the area ...
- This proposal is located across a series of steep valleys, with only a couple of narrow, limited, winding roads out of the area which create bottlenecks in all directions when they meet major roads...
- It was actually previously classified as a bushfire zone, not suitable for development by the State Government and designated as a no build zone ... miraculously it has suddenly been deemed OK to build on. No one has been able to explain why the same valleys are suddenly safe. I request that the

Government review their position of this aspect of the proposal.

- Because of the steep valleys and limited road access, the proposed development could endanger lives during the bushfire season when people living in those closed off areas will be queuing on the narrow roads to get away from the fires ...
- There is zero infrastructure in the area to cater for so many medium to high density new dwellings. As well as forcing everyone who lives there into their cars for everything they need to do, this proposal
- Will have no local shops to serve the hundreds of new occupants ...
- Will have no local school to serve the hundreds of new occupants (unless they wish to attend the private Christian school in Oxford Falls ...
- Will have no local preschool or kindergarten to serve the hundreds of new occupants
- Therefore, the proposal will increase traffic significantly in the wider Northern Beaches area as residents seek services in other districts ...

In other words, this proposed development is in a totally inappropriate location. It will reduce quality of life for those who move into it and for the district as a whole.

I propose Instead that higher density developments on the Northern Beaches be built on existing, established transport corridors ... this is an absolute no brainer, and will save everyone concerned, including the people who move into the developments, a whole lot of money.

Also I propose that the MLALC be compensated for the loss of earnings by being given a different land parcel suitable for development...

I also propose that, with the support of the Northern Beaches Council and NSW Government, the MLALC build and manage a cultural centre/eco tourism precinct, which will serve as a launch pad for people wanting to explore this unique bushland, which needs to be retained as a National Park, and will bring enjoyment to thousands of people from inside and outside the district for generations to come.

Yours sincerely,  
Penelope Auburn  
Northern Beaches,  
NSW

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submission

I am against the destruction of lizard rock because the development in this area will cause vast problems. These problems include loss of habitat for many species of flora and fauna, traffic congestion and urban sprawl. The destruction of lizard rock would be a big mistake as it would destroy environment, could trigger more local development, not to mention as well as destroying the character of Morgan road.



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submission

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a local resident on the Northern Beaches and am writing to oppose the proposed rezoning of land at Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose, or “Lizard Rock” (PP-2022-3802). I write on behalf of those who cannot write a submission for themselves – the wildlife that live at Lizard Rock, and the future generations who have a right to a healthy natural environment.

This proposal must be refused for the following reasons:

- Loss of habitat for iconic species of flora and fauna such as swamp wallabies. This bushland forms part of a wildlife corridor connecting private land, Garigal National Park, and Narrabeen Lagoon State Park. This area has high biodiversity value and is irreplaceable.
- Impacts on the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment as stormwater from the development will flow down hill, with less bushland to filter the water before it enters the estuary. This will impact on threatened species including the red-crowned toadlet and spotted-tail quoll, and on marine animals that live in the lagoon.
- Loss of Sydney's Green lungs as trees are renown for their ability to improve air quality, help to cool urban areas, and draw down carbon from the atmosphere into the ground. With the threat of climate change, every tree plays an important role in drawing down carbon, and helping to mitigate urban heat impacts.
- Some of the sites are at significant risk of bushfire events. This would mean we are building houses in places we know that people may not be safe in the future. Northern Beaches Council has obtained independent advice on bushfire risks at the Lizard Rock site, which identified that the site includes areas of Very High – Extreme risk. The report also identified concerns about the safety and viability of evacuation. This proposal will likely require significant asset protection zones, which would further erode the wildlife corridor.
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- Broader Strategic planning implications - the proposed housing is happening in isolation to the broader strategic planning being done by Northern Beaches Council to meet housing needs and plan for issues such as traffic and services in a holistic way across the entire Northern Beaches.
- Negative precedent in the deferred lands – The Northern Beaches Council is undertaking a strategic review of land use in the Metropolitan Rural Area in Oxford Falls and Belrose. Using an evidence based approach, the Council's draft plans are to zone private land in this area as Rural and C3 Environmental Management zoning. Approving the planning proposal would create an inappropriate precedent that other landowners in the MRA can also seek a spot rezoning, further eroding the remaining bushland on private land.

Thank you for your consideration  
Sincerely,

Gretta Eastmead  
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submission

I am against the Patyegarang Planning Proposal.

Morgan Road is a sanctuary for native wildlife.

Development of this area will not only destroy the natural habitat of so many native fauna and flora, it will increase traffic significantly, resulting in noise, air, and ongoing carbon pollution – the absence of which currently facilitates such a refuge for the local native wildlife.

Additionally, this development will damage the scenic route which is a preferred quieter driving route for locals to briefly escape the traffic and busyness of Warringah Rd and Wakehurst Pkwy.

Scenic routes are crucial to communities and exist in certain parts of the country for a reason.

Further development to this area is opposed.

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submission

I object to this development for a variety of reasons. I believe this is a poor outcome for flora and fauna, it heightens bushfire risk in the area, and in general is misaligned to the area.

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submission

I would like to object to the Patyegarang planning application at Morgan Road Belrose.  
As my parents lived near Morgan Road in Belrose for almost 50 years I am familiar with its flora and fauna and have taken many walks in the Morgan Road area. The latest research on preserving flora and fauna and stopping this mindless march to extinction, even including the national emblem, the koala is that all areas of bush count. Previously it was only National Parks that counted. Now we know small patches of bush scattered around the environment also count. This research is quite new but it makes sense. ABC radio.  
Perhaps land could be found elsewhere to exchange for this precious bushland and for building houses. Most First Nations people feel a part of the bush, revere plants and animals and draw on their experience of nurturing country for 65,000 years.  
The disruption of roads, removal of trees, dust, noise and pollution to build houses that are not near any ammenities like shops, churches, schools, libraries, theatres or sports fields would make the inhabitants totally car dependent. Times have changed. We are no longer in global warming but in global boiling. The risk of fire consuming these houses accelerates each season.

It is no longer the 1960s or ‘70s when car dependent suburbs like Belrose & Davidson were the suburban dream.  
Causing an extra bottleneck on Forestway, Mona Vale Road & Warringah Roads with the added congestion of people getting to Northern Beaches Hospital is insane. Already people are selling at Davidson & moving to Killarney Heights to be that much closer to Roseville bridge.  
Please retain this area as much needed bushland which will be good for the environment and the mental health if both Indigenous and nonIndigenous communities.

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submission

I am concerned about the environmental impact of removing bushland to build houses, etc. In a world that is struggling with the impacts of climate change I don't think we should be removing green areas. On the Northern Beaches we have already sacrificed bushland for the widening of the Mona Vale Road and the construction of the hospital, we should not sacrifice any more. In the planning proposal there is no mention of any counter measures for the loss of carbon capture that will be experienced due to the land clearance.

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submission

I do not believe that the Northern Beaches can cope with an additional 450 houses. Our public services (hospital, schools, public transport queues in peak hour) are at breaking point.

I would like to strongly object to this proposal

**Submission Type**

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I oppose this proposal.  
This bushland should be preserved for future generations.  
It would be a tragedy to hand it over to be developed.



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submission

I'm opposed to the Patyegarang proposal. The Northern Beaches has already lost bushland for the construction of the hospital and the widening of the Mona Vale Road to lose more would be outrageous. There are many reasons why this shouldn't be permitted;

- the roads being unable to cope with increased traffic
- the lack of infrastructure to support the proposed development
- the potential that other landowners propose developments following this rezoning
- the likelihood of more flooding on roads that are already closed regularly

Also, the bush is a vital recreational area benefitting both the mental and physical health of those using it.

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6) Loss of Sydney's Green lungs as trees are renowned for their ability to improve air quality, help to cool urban areas, and draw down carbon from the atmosphere into the ground. With the threat of climate change, every tree plays an important role in drawing down carbon and helping to mitigate urban heat impacts.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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submission

The Patyegarang development should not be allowed to go ahead. Although we need more housing, clearing bushland to build it is not the right approach. The area where it is proposed doesn't have the infrastructure to support the new residents. They would have to rely on cars to get around. It would change the character of Morgan Road forever and have a devastating impact on the wildlife.

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

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submission

I oppose the Patyegarang planning proposal because:  
Bushfire risk.  
Loss of habitat.  
Inadequate infrastructure  
Loss of Aboriginal engravings.

Submission Type

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Submission Type

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submission

I am opposed to the planning proposal for Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose.

We are lucky to still have this area undeveloped. It brings critical bio-diversity for the flora and fauna.

Developing this land will not only rob the wildlife in this area of a habitat but it will rob future generations of the benefits this biodiversity brings.

I know that nearby Allambie Heights is already at risk of experiencing 1 in a hundred year floods which are exacerbated by the development there. This would create a greater risk of flooding in this are too.

I am also concerned about the precedent this would set for further development in the area.

We are so lucky to have what we have, please don't rob our future.

Thanks for your consideration,

Sharne



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submission

I object to this proposal. The bushland should be maintained. The native flora and fauna preserved. We do not want this special ecosystem destroyed.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

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**First Name**

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**submission**

I strongly object to this proposal. We do not have the infrastructure in the area to support 400+ new houses, it will further damage the local flora and fauna, there is likely an increase property risk for bushfire which are becoming more predominant and it sets a precedent for increased local development in shrinking areas of natural bushland.

**Submission Type**

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**Title**

Ms

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**submission**

We strongly oppose the Patyegarang planning proposal (Lizard Rock) as we are concerned about the loss of habitat for flora and fauna, bushfire risk and the carbon impact of clearing bushlands. Please don't ruin our beautiful area.

Submission Type

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submission

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rezoning, further eroding the remaining bushland on private land.  
Thank you for your consideration  
Sincerely,

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Signed: Eva Lewicki  
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Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

Title

Mr

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Nick

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Suburb/ Town

Belrose

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submission

I object to this proposal. The destruction of the local habitat is crazy, why would we destroy something that cannot ever be recreated. The proposal is about money, which makes the world go around  
Instead, can the government provide the ALC funds in return for the preservation of Lizard Rock?

Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

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First Name

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Family name

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submission

Opening up bushland and which is prone to bushfire is absurd for one and two our future generations of indigenous peoples and the rest of the area will lose a massive amount of native bush lands. We need to be protecting natural habitat for generations to come. Development for housing can be done by rezoning pockets close to the amenities like schools and transport hubs to allow for low to medium density housing development not opening bushland losing it forever.

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submission

I do not agree with the destruction of this park area.



Submission Type

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Title

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submission

I object to the planning proposal of lizard rock. The traffic congestion and impact on the habitat will be ruinous.

Submission Type

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Family name



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Suburb/ Town

DAVIDSON

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submission

I Object to the proposal. The existing roads and infrastructure is inadequate for this proposal. We need to keep the existing green spaces.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Miss

**First Name**

Emma

**Family name**

Eastmead

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**submission**

I object the proposal of development at Morgan road, as it will lead to severe loss of biodiversity and habitat loss for all flora and found in the area. It will ruin the suburb and lead to more traffic congestion that the area cannot provide for.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

[REDACTED]

**First Name**

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**submission**

I oppose the Patyegarang Planning Proposal - my reasons include the loss of habitat for flora and fauna, traffic congestion and urban sprawl and the carbon impact of clearing bush land.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

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**submission**

I object due to loss of biodiversity for future generations as well as traffic congestion & urban sprawl

**Submission Type**

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**First Name**

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**submission**

I am against loss of flora and fauna as well as traffic congestion and urban sprawl

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mr

**First Name**

Ivan

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North manly

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**submission**

I am completely against this development proposal. It simply has no benefits for the local community and is simply wanton destruction of precious environmentally beneficial bush land.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Ms

**First Name**

Hayley

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**Suburb/ Town**

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**submission**

Dear Sir/Madam

I live in the local area to Patyegarang with my husband and two children. I am writing to oppose the proposed rezoning of land at Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose, or "Lizard Rock" (PP-2022-3802).

We are so lucky to have incredible wildlife and rich Aboriginal history here in the Belrose and Frenchs Forest area.

It saddens me that this is at risk with the proposed Patyegarang Planning Proposal. The Beautiful native wildlife that live at Lizard Rock deserve a home. They play a part in the beauty of our area. Many were displaced after the extensive road upgrade and hospital build in Frenchs Forest. Enough is enough.

This proposal must not be approved for the following reasons:

- Loss of habitat for iconic species of flora and fauna. This bushland forms part of a wildlife corridor connecting private land, Garigal National Park, and Narrabeen Lagoon State Park. This area has high biodiversity value and is irreplaceable. The swamp wallabies are just one of many examples.
- Impacts on the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment please don't be so naive to think this will not significantly impact the surrounding ecosystems. Most notably, the already threatened species including the red-crowned toadlet and spotted-tail quoll.



- Loss of Sydney's essential green. It saddens me to see after 40yrs on the beaches how we continue to lose beautiful bushland to concrete. Trees are renowned for their ability to improve air quality, help to cool urban areas, and draw down carbon from the atmosphere into the ground. With the threat of climate change, every tree plays an important role in drawing down carbon, and helping to mitigate urban heat impacts. I dread to think what my sons will see and the ugliness that the Northern Beaches will become when the environment is not considered in these decisions.
- Bushfire risk. Have we not learned from other areas such as Victoria regarding building in high risk fire zones? Some of the sites are at significant risk of bushfire. Where is the responsibility? Northern Beaches Council has obtained independent advice on bushfire risks at the Lizard Rock site, which identified that the site includes areas of Very High – Extreme risk. The report also identified concerns about the safety and viability of evacuation.
- The already dense population and traffic congestion would be further impacted. More houses are built away from urban centres, and so the residents will be reliant on cars, rather than being within a short walk or bus ride to places. This will contribute towards local traffic congestion on Forest Way, Wakehurst Parkway, and Warringah Road.
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Please, I beg you not to destroy this beautiful place. Leave it untouched as nature intended. Prioritise our incredible wildlife and the safety of our community. Please don't destroy it for my children.

Sincerely,

Name: Hayley Turnbull

Signed:

Email: Hayley.curran@gmail.com

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title****First Name**

Tyla

**Family name**

Julius

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**submission**

I am against the removal of lizard rock to put new development there because of many reasons a few being:

- 1) Loss of habitat for flora and fauna
- 2) loss of biodiversity for future generations
- 3) carbon impact of clearing bushland

These are just a few reasons but the list goes on. The removal of land can lead to involvement in climate change and the dramatic impact it can have in future and taking away lizard rock just contributes to further damage already done to the earth. This isn't just some rock. Or any area of bushland. It obviously means something to a lot of people to have this petition and it should be clear to everyone that you should build the housing developments elsewhere.

Once again, I strongly object to the clearing of land on Morgan road because it will have a detrimental impact on not only the environment but the people who have made memories of lizard rock:)

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mr

**First Name**

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Lunnon

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**submission**

This planning proposal is unwarranted, unnecessary, and defies logic, given no infrastructure is available to support 450 new homes in terms of roads, safety, and security. This project must not proceed.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mr

**First Name**

Giles

**Family name**

Stoddard

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**submission**

I strongly disagree with this proposal for the development on this land. I personally think the objections and proposal from the Northern Beaches Council are all quite reasonable. Please include this as an objection and also as support to find a reasonable economic outcome for the land owners.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Ms

**First Name**

Johanna

**Family name**

Keskitalo

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Mona vale

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**submission**

I oppose the planned rezoning of this rich bushland that would do irreversible damage to the biodiversity and natural habitat of our local flora and fauna.

I am equally concerned about the increased bushfire risk and the plan's role in further inducing climate change related risks by removing valuable and natural carbon sinks.

Sincerely,

Johanna Keskitalo

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mr

**First Name**

Bruce

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Meldrum

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**submission**

To the planning panel or relevant authority.

Re the Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose (also known to me as Lizard rock) proposed development.

I oppose and reject the planning proposal to allow a development of around 450 homes on the Morgan Road site.

I am against the proposal as it will not only ruin a valuable section of native bush which is a refuge for native Flora and Fauna in a busy part of the Northern beaches, it will place the development in a bushfire risk area and lead to more traffic on an already busy sub-standard road system.

It has been claimed that there has already been degradation of the area due to previous activity, so why allow the recovering area to be further degraded by an unnecessary development.

If the land was so valuable by the native title claimants that they went through the process to gain control over the area, why are they now going to alienate it from their cultural heritage, that smacks of rampant opportunism and lack of honesty in the original claim.

Please reject the proposal and allow the land area to be as it is, a haven for wildlife and part of Sydney's lungs.

Bruce H Meldrum

Retired Scientist

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

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**First Name**

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**submission**

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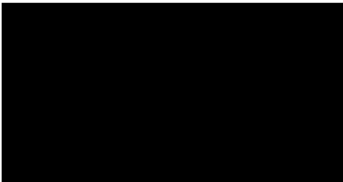
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Thank you for your consideration.





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Frenchs Forest

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Thank you for your consideration

Kind regards,

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**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

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**submission**

TO whom it may concern,

I am a resident and ratepayer of the Northern Beaches and am writing to oppose the proposed rezoning of land at Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose, or "Lizard Rock" (PP-2022-3802). I write on behalf of those who cannot write a submission for themselves – the wildlife that live at Lizard Rock, and the future generations who have a right to a healthy natural environment.

This proposal must be refused for the following reasons:

- Loss of habitat for iconic species of flora and fauna such as swamp wallabies. This bushland forms part of a wildlife corridor connecting private land, Garigal National Park, and Narrabeen Lagoon State Park. This area has high biodiversity value and is irreplaceable.
- Impacts on the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment as stormwater from the development will flow down hill, with less bushland to filter the water before it enters the estuary. This will impact on threatened species including the red-crowned toadlet and spotted-tail quoll, and on marine animals that live in the lagoon.
- Loss of Sydney's Green lungs as trees are renowned for their ability to improve air quality, help to cool urban areas, and draw down carbon from the atmosphere into the ground. With the threat of climate change, every tree plays an important role in drawing down carbon, and helping to mitigate urban heat impacts.
- Some of the sites are at significant risk of bushfire events. This would mean we are building houses in places we know that people may not be safe in the future. Northern Beaches Council has obtained independent advice on bushfire risks at the Lizard Rock site, which identified that the site includes areas of Very High – Extreme risk. The report also identified concerns about the safety and viability of evacuation. This proposal will likely require significant asset protection zones, which would further erode the wildlife corridor.
- Traffic and urban sprawl – this proposal will create problems with urban sprawl, as more houses are built away from urban centres, and so the residents will be reliant on cars, rather than being within a short walk or bus ride to places. This will contribute towards local traffic congestion on Forest Way, Wakehurst Parkway, and Warringah Road.
- Broader Strategic planning implications - the proposed housing is happening in isolation to the broader strategic planning being done by Northern Beaches Council to meet housing needs and plan for issues such as traffic and services in a holistic way across the entire Northern Beaches.

**Submission Type**

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**submission**

I object to the patyegarang plannning proposal as it will lead loss of biodiversity for future generations.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mr

**First Name**

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**submission**

I oppoae the rezoning of Lizard Rock bushzone. It is an important family and broader community recreational area and a great local short escape from daily preasures.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mr

**First Name**

Tim

**Family name**

Bosanquet

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**submission**

I oppose the planned development at Patyegarang Morgan Road Belrose.

I am deeply concerned about the damage to the environment and the ensuing loss of habitat for flora and fauna and bio diversity. Turning one of our most important bush lands into congested urban sprawl is terrible and will have a lasting impact especially for future generations.

I am also concerned about the carbon emissions and pollution caused by land clearing. Furthermore this will be the thin end of the wedge. Once one development is granted this could easily trigger more widespread land clearing on Morgan road which will destroy the character and environment of this area that we live.

At a time when Australia's fragile environment is under attack from the climate crisis and the growing impact from humans we cannot afford to destroy more of our unique bush.

As a local resident I strongly request this proposal not go any further.

Thank you

Bes

Tim

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

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**submission**

I am against the Lizard rock proposal because of the loss of habitat for flora and fauna, traffic congestion and urban sprawl.

The Northern beaches is losing enough bushland everywhere as it is, let's keep some for the future

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mrs

**First Name**

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Haywood

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**submission**

To whom it may concern,

The Northern Beaches has had its identity all but destroyed by over development and it must stop! We are loosing our valuable assets of trees, animals and natural areas due to this blight of development.

Lizard Rock is iconic and valuable to all locals. As a rate payer I demand Lizard Rock remain and be protected for future generations.

As a family we will never support any council representatives voting to remove Lizard Rock for mere profit!

Sincerely,

Trish Haywood



**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

**First Name**

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**submission**

I am writing to stop the development of the Lizard Rock bushland area to a housing area. This is such a beautiful Northern Beaches area enjoyed by many people getting into our beautiful natural beauty.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mr

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**submission**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a local resident on the Northern Beaches and am writing to oppose the proposed rezoning of land at Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose, or "Lizard Rock" (PP-2022-3802). I write on behalf of those who cannot write a submission for themselves – the wildlife that live at Lizard Rock, and the future generations who have a right to a healthy natural environment.

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- Some of the sites are at significant risk of bushfire events. This would mean we are building houses in places we know that people may not be safe in the future. Northern Beaches Council has obtained independent advice on bushfire risks at the Lizard Rock site, which identified that the site includes areas of Very High – Extreme risk. The report also identified concerns about the safety and viability of evacuation. This proposal will likely require significant asset protection zones, which would further erode the wildlife corridor.
- Traffic and urban sprawl – this proposal will create problems with urban sprawl, as more houses are built away from urban centres, so the residents will be reliant on cars, rather than being within a short walk or bus ride to places. This will contribute towards further congestion on Forest Way, Wakehurst Parkway, Mona Vale Road.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

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**submission**

I object to the Patyegarang Planning Proposal as it will lead to traffic congestion and urban sprawl as well as serving as a trigger for future local development which will destroy the character of Morgan Road and the wider Belrose area.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mrs

**First Name**

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**submission**

I vote to save Lizard Rock on the Northern Beaches NSW.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Miss

**First Name**

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**submission**

31st October 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed rezoning of land at Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose, or "Lizard Rock" (PP-2022-3802).

I have read the planning documents in your NSW planning portal and I am stunned that this project was ever proposed in the first place.

I strongly oppose the notion to rezone land from C2 to R2 (or anything else other than to a National Park). This development will have a disastrous flow on effect, into the surrounding so called 'areas for protection', the lagoon, the existing suburb, and the precedent it will set for further rezonings of Land Council land all over NSW.

This area is full of biodiversity and the extremely flawed idea of using biodiversity credits to offset killing wildlife and native flora (whether endangered or not) is negligent, lacks any foresight whatsoever and is environmental vandalism at its worse.

I know the use of biodiversity credits is legislated, so therefore not criminal in the true sense of the word. But history will judge you very harshly for allowing the destruction of one of the last stands of native bushland in the suburbs of the Northern Beaches, under the false protection of Biodiversity Credits.

Tell that to the trees, insects, birds, and other wildlife. Tell the pigmy possum he is worth 1211 biodiversity credits. It is a disgusting scam of a scheme.

We can't afford to lose this bushland to housing, regardless of how desperate we are for housing. The proposal speaks of a 'discussion' about affordable housing. The cost of building in this extremely unsuitable area will not allow for affordable housing, no matter how much it is discussed.

I note the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council are the owners and the developers of this precious bushland. I also note they do not represent the actual Aboriginals from the area who are vehemently opposed to the destruction of cultural and environmentally important land. They have ignored community, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous outcry to protect the area.

This Land Council are being used to push through developments that should in no way be considered. This land should never have been considered for rezoning.

To summarise, I oppose the project for the following reasons .-

- Loss of native habitat for all wildlife. The use of Biodiversity credits are an embarrassment to anyone who thinks this can justify loss of native habitat and wildlife.

- Impacts on the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment as stormwater from the development will flow downhill.
  - Loss of Sydney's Green lungs – we need the trees to provide oxygen!!!!
  - Some of the sites are at significant risk of bushfire events.
  - Traffic and urban sprawl – the traffic is already a nightmare to contend with. The current infrastructure cannot cope with another 1000+ cars.
- I dearly hope this submission is considered and the native habitat is seen as precious to our future as the air we breathe.

Yours Sincerely

Lisa Bellamy

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Kariong NSW 2250

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

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Mr

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**submission**

I am voting to save Lizard Rock on the Northern Beaches NSW.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

[REDACTED]

**First Name**

[REDACTED]

**Family name**

[REDACTED]



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**Suburb/ Town**

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**submission**

I wish to voice my strong disapproval if the sacrilege that is proposed in our local bushland by the 'original owner's of such land, namely Lizard Rock "Estate". This amazing natural park has been undisturbed for millions of years and I cannot see how it can possibly be now considered by money hungry first nation responsible people. I would have thought that sacred land should be protected and not decimated!

Please reconsider granting approval, we all should be able to value and enjoy this beautiful bushland in all its natural glory.



**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Miss

**First Name**

Camille

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Baker

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**submission**

I reject the proposal as it will result in a loss of habitat for flora and fauna and loss of sydney's green lungs, creating more urban development

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mrs

**First Name**

Camilla

**Family name**

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**submission**

I object to this development proposal for a number of reasons including loss of habitat for flora and fauna, increased traffic to the area without sufficient road capacity. And the fact it could trigger more local development in an area of national beauty and significance- national park!

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

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**First Name**

[REDACTED]

**Family name**

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Beacon Hill

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**submission**

I object to this development on the basis that it represents a significant loss of flora and fauna and a loss of biodiversity for future generations. Having already experienced significant loss in the area after clearance of land and subsequent building of Northern Beaches hospital, I do not wish to see this happen again in the area. Our flora and fauna must be protected at all costs.

Regards

[REDACTED]

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

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**Family name**

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**submission**

I object this proposal because:

- it will destroy the character of Morgan Road;
- of the loss of habitat and fauna; and,
- the loss of biodiversity for future generations.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mr

**First Name**

Jack

**Family name**

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**submission**

Absolute madness to decimate bushland and ignore all the warnings the environment is presenting us with - global warming, carbon sequestration, flooding, habitat loss , threatened species and catastrophic bushfires.

The site's heritage and aboriginal significance should not be ignored, regardless of who is championing the development.

There is plenty of other options for development in areas which are better serviced by appropriate infrastructure and transport options .

It will cripple the area and rob this special pocket of its character and wild appeal not to mention the devastation of the flora and fauna the site harbours.

**Submission Type**

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**submission**

In excess of 10,000 community members signed a petition requesting the Patyegarang Planning Proposal of 227 hectares of land on the NSW Northern Beaches that the proposed development will NOT continue. There are three major concerns about the proposed development: first, and foremost, the need to protect our natural environment for future generations, the significant risk of bushfires and other natural disasters, and the lack of supporting infrastructure. The Patyegarang (Lizard Rock) site is situated on the boundary of Garigal National Park and Narrabeen Lagoon State Park. It is valuable bushland. The proposed development will enable the destruction of approximately "45 football-sized fields of bushland". Therefore, I believe the proposal lacks any redeeming feature and should NOT proceed further.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

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**submission**

I oppose the Loss of habitat for flora and fauna.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

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Mrs

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**Submission Type**

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Mr

**First Name**

Cameron

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**submission**

I am against due to Increased Flooding and Bushfire risk.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title****First Name**

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**Family name**

Vickers

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**Suburb/ Town**

Gordon

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**submission**

I am opposed to this development as we need to retain all the bush and woodlands we have to support our wildlife. I regularly walk the trails in the area and would like my grandchildren and future generations to be able to do so as well.

Every hectare of natural environment that is removed means that more precious flora and fauna is lost forever. We cannot afford to keep cutting down trees and levelling our natural environment if we want our flora and fauna to survive and flourish. Our future generations deserve to enjoy our natural environment as we have and we should do our best to preserve the wildlife that lives there.

It is time that the future of our environment is regarded as more important than some individuals making significant money.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mr

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**submission**

I am not in favour of this planning proposal and development and agree with Northern Beaches Council that the revised planning proposal fails to address most of the concerns raised by the council in its submission to [Sydney North Planning Panel] in November 2022, including: severe bushfire risks, major impacts upon biodiversity, inconsistency with Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement and Local Housing Strategy, and concerns regarding the required acquisition of council land in Forest Way for a slip lane to evacuate the area,"  
For these reasons I oppose this unwanted development.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

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**First Name**

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**submission**

I am against the Patyegarang planning proposal also known as Lizard Rock as it will a loss of habitat for flora and fauna and there will be a huge increase in traffic congestion and urban sprawl which is bad enough as it is. The traffic leaving Frenchs Forest is bad enough now during peak hour another 450 dwellings will make it a nightmare.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mr

**First Name**

Rombout (Chris)

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Liebert

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**submission**

I object due to loss of flora and fauna which makes this area so attractive. 450 new dwellings will put an extra 900 cars on local roads which are already congested during peak times. This development risks triggering more development in an essentially green area. Please do not allow this to go ahead.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mr

**First Name**

Michael

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Johnson

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**submission**

Totally against this development....Sydney is very scarce in native bush land...and this is just a moneymaking machine...surely the Aboriginal Land Council wants to keep its land not destroy it for money!111...or is that what it's all about ...nothing to do with culture!!!

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

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**submission**

I am in opposition to the bushfire risk, traffic congestion and urban sprawl as well as the trigger for more local development.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

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**First Name**

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**submission**

I am in opposition to the bushfire risk, traffic congestion and urban sprawl as well as the trigger for more local development.



**Submission Type**

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**submission**

There are many concerns regarding this destructive and repulsive development application - the risk of bushfires and natural disasters, the lack of supporting infrastructure, the need to protect our natural environment for future generations.

The Lizard Rock site sits alongside the Garigal National Park and Narrabeen Lagoon State Park. It is valuable bushland. The proposal allows for the destruction of around 45 football-sized fields of bushland. There is a major impact on biodiversity, inconsistency with the Council's Local Housing Strategy and concerns regarding the acquisition of council land in Forestway for a slip lane for evacuation.

The mass murder and destruction of the beautiful bushland and it's associated native inhabitants aside, there will be major traffic impacts, hard surfaces will increase the likelihood of flooding at and around Wakehurst Parkway. This proposal also puts other residents and our volunteer firefighters at risk, disregarding the value of their lives. Although the argument is that it was never pristine bushland as it was previously a quarry and ag land - the Australian bush, as the Aboriginals well know, has an amazing ability to regenerate. Of course, it was once pristine bushland, and again it has recovered from previous development and become beautiful pristine bushland again. Please do not allow this unpalatable application to go ahead. The government should buy back this land and protect it. Money is the issue here, so it should be solved with a buyback.

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

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Oxford falls

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**submission**

I do not agree with the proposed development by the aboriginal society,.  
There are many sights that could be developed that are less destructive to environment

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mrs

**First Name**

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**submission**

I object to the Patyegarang Planning Proposal!!!! Hand on heart this is the most horrible greedy thing to do, some reasons why this is a terrible idea is: loss of habitat for flora and fauna, bushfire risk, traffic congestion to lack of urban planing, the impact to narrabeen lagoon catchment will be detriment to the flora and fauna, the loss of green space which is what we need to help the climate change that the government is so pushing, removing trees adds to carbon dioxide in the atmosphere so this is going against the narrative that the government and council are pushing. There are so many reason this should not happen, please do not let greedy and power take over this beautiful natural landscape.

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With regard to the proposed development at Lizard Rock in Belrose by the Aboriginal Lands Council of NSW.

There is an fair amount of hypocrisy in this proposal that the land subject to development apparently has a cultural significance to the First Nations people of the area, which has been reflected in the name change of the development proposal.

Yet , the area will be completely destroyed by development and therefore any cultural significance will be lost? This leaves me wondering why the claim was made in the first place.

This alone should be reason enough for the development to be dismissed as the land must be retained for future First Nations people and other Australians to enjoy.

The fire risk for homes in this area too has been assessed by relevant authorities and must be adhered to as an override precedent must not be created for legal cases in the future to refer to.

I believe the area for proposed development be denied and the land should be added to the Garigal National Park and removed from the Aboriginal Land Council control.

I implore the authorities involved to reject the development.

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Development in this area will cause irreparable damage to the Bush area and will choke existing infrastructure in the area.

**Submission Type**

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Together with my wife, we object to this proposal on the grounds tax payers will be required to change the intersections of Morgan road and Morgan road AND wakehurst parkway. Both are inadequate for at least 300 vehicles leaving and arriving at this site. Rainwater also is a feeder zone to Narrabeen lakes. Then what is also planned for public transport?

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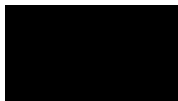
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**submission**

I am against the development proposal as I believe we should build rail services to expand out from Sydney (by rail I mean fast trains) and Lizard Rock area is our natural history - once it's gone it can never come back. I'm sick of seeing people being pushed tighter together too, spoiling the northern beaches.

I feel this development will increase traffic congestion and urban sprawl and reduce wild life habitat.

**Submission Type**

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**First Name**

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**submission**

I am against the proposal because it is an iconic area and development has just about reached its peak and resulting distressing aspects for the natural flora and fauna.

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I strongly oppose the destruction and development of Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose, formerly known as Lizard Rock.

The proposed development will see the destruction of bushland, flora and fauna.

There's already been devastating loss of wildlife from the recent development at Oxford Falls and I was shocked recently to see a dead wallaby on the busy Beacon Hill Road in Brookvale. These poor animals are being pushed out of their homes due to over development on the Northern Beaches.

This is just a money making exercise with no consideration for bushland, wildlife and the health and safety of Northern Beaches residents!

The roads on the Northern Beaches are already congested, schools are crowded, hospital wait times are long. Where is the infrastructure plan to support all these new residents?

It will be extremely disappointing if government approves this development. I will not support that government!

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Sincerely,

Name: Allison M. Cowan

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Signed:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A M Cowan", written in dark ink on a light background.

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**submission**

I oppose the development application for PAtyegarang Morgan Rd Oxford Falls as it will destroy excellent bushland and affect the bushland corridor in that area and annihilate biodiversity for future generations. Apart from the many Aboriginal petroglyphs in this area too. The Northern Beaches council should recognise this as an inappropriate development .



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I AM AGAINST THE LOSS OF HABITAT FOR FLORA AND FAUNA, THE BUSHFIRE RISK, THE ADDITIONAL TRAFIC CONGESTION AND URBAN SPRAWL AND LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY IN THE AREA.

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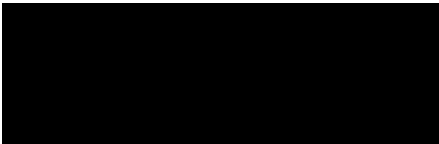
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Objerction to Patyegarang Planning Proposal

The Planning Panels  
Northern Beaches Council  
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Dear Planning Team Panel,

**Concerns about “Patyegarang”, aka Lizard Rock Development, Belrose**

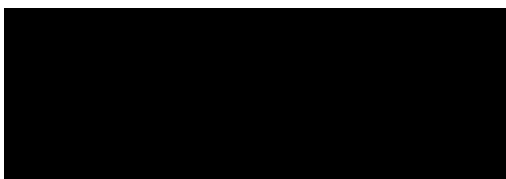
We note with huge dismay/sadness the onward progression of the planning for the proposed Lizard Rock Development in Belrose. We have lived in the area for 15 years and our family and friends have enjoyed the peaceful, scenic drive down Morgan Road, past Lizard Rock, as a highlight of the wonderful diversity in fauna and flora offered in Australia. We believe it will be a travesty to allow the demolition of this national treasure largely for commercial reasons, so I am writing to oppose the proposed rezoning of land at Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose, or “Lizard Rock” (PP-2022-3802). I believe the proposal must be refused for the following reasons:

1. **The significant loss of high biodiversity habitat.** With around 45 hectares of bushland to be cleared. Several endangered species, both fauna and flora, exist in this area. This whole area has already been identified as an area applicable for a C3 Environmental Management Zone site due to its high environmental value and hazards that impact the site, so it is not suitable for development at all. A threatened plant species, *Tetratheca glandulosa*, has been recorded at several locations within the subject land and another, *Cryptostylis hunteriana*, is also assumed present. Two endangered fauna that occur in the area are the Red-crowned Toadlet and the Eastern Pygmy possum. By eradicating their habitat, the development will significantly reduce, or in cases totally eliminate the presence of endangered and non-endangered animals from the area.
2. **Cats & Dogs will threaten wildlife.** Once developed, the remaining animals will be further threatened by the introduction of domestic cats and dogs.
3. **Significant risk of bushfire events.** The proposal proposes to build houses in places we know that people may not be safe in the future. Northern Beaches Council has obtained independent advice on bushfire risks at the Lizard Rock site, which identified that the site includes areas of **Very High to Extreme risk**. The report also identified concerns about the safety and viability of evacuation. This proposal will likely require significant asset protection zones, which would further erode the wildlife corridor.

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5. **Previous Development Applications Blocked.** The area was previously blocked for development after the Planning Assessment Commission reported the area as a sub catchment for Narrabeen Lagoon.
6. **Threat to Aboriginal Heritage Sites.** Aboriginal heritage sites and ancient carvings that are present in the area would likely be subject to vandalism and maltreatment.
7. **Traffic and Access Insufficient.** The proposed slip lanes on Oates Place and Forest Way are on Council Land and not zoned for this purpose - the availability and utility of this has not been adequately demonstrated. Also, insufficient explanations of traffic and transport proposals - 400 plus homes in the middle of the bush, not connected to any services.
8. **Urban sprawl.** The proposal will create problems with urban sprawl, as more houses are built away from urban centres, and so the residents will be reliant on cars, rather than being within a short walk or bus ride to places. This will contribute towards local traffic congestion on Forest Way, Wakehurst Parkway, and Warringah Road.
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**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

**Title**

Mrs

**First Name**

Jennifer

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When will we stop bulldozing our bushland (when we are told we need trees for “climate change”) and, at the same time might as well destroy any aboriginal artefacts! Then a slip road is needed for evacuation during a bushfire - when will this country stop trying to implode itself. We are destroying the beauty which this country was built on by overdevelopment.

**Submission Type**

I am submitting on behalf of my organisation

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Dear CEO



I am a Registered Aboriginal Owner / Traditional Owner “through the legal process through the ” Office Of The Register Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1986, Native title Claimant and Australian Rwandan War veteran 1994-95/ Meritorious Unit Citation, ANZAC Peace Prize 1995.

I support this development as an aboriginal man and for the benefit of the Aboriginal community.

Sadley many people are claiming to be Aboriginal who are not aboriginal and are part of the CEA Coast environmental Alliance activist group who are not in support,

The Northern Beaches Council Mayor has also been emailed these documents and has now teamed up with these groups.

Daily telegraph “Misunderstanding: The historical fiction of the word Guringai that has filled a void in our knowledge of the original inhabitants by John Morcombe, Manly Daily February 20, 2015 2:41pm.”

<https://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/northern-beaches/misunderstanding-the-historical-fiction-of-the-word-guringai-that-has-filled-a-void-in-our-knowledge-of-the-original-inhabitants/news-story/b1aec152c74220c535883621081a2fd2>

Filling A Void, by the Aboriginal heritage office <http://www.aboriginalheritage.org/news/2015/filling-a-void/> (Funded by the Tax payer

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You will see other known kings and chiefs from the central coast in this report from Broken Bay , Brisbane Waters and Woy Woy NSW.

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“James Webb, ‘Mulbong Farm’ (1823) Less is known about the way Darkinjung people interacted with other Brisbane Water settlers. James Webb, the earliest settler, whose property was spread between present day Orange Grove and Woy Woy, 55. is believed to have had sexual relations with Sophy/Booratora, reputed to be the daughter of Bungaree and his wife Matora, and this liaison resulted in the birth of a child, Charlotte, in about 1824.56 Although some accounts of Webb’s life at Woy Woy are poorly referenced and therefore their details must be treated with caution”

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<https://guringai.org/contact-bungaree-org/> Guringai, GuriNgai, Wannangini, Walkaloo: A long con, gone on too long. – Truth-telling from a neurodiverse perspective. Jayson Cooke calling out the alleged King Bungaree descendants- NOT DECENDANTS.

Attached NAIALIE KWOK CONSULTANT ANTHROPOLOGIST report OCTOBER 2015

TRACY Howie and Family -(Gurineai Trlbal Link Aboriginal Corporation-

Excerpt from ANTHROPOLOGICAL Connection REPORT Part 2: Family history and contemporary connection  
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NAIALIE KWOK CONSULTANT ANTHROPOLOGIST OCTOBER 2015

I am a Registered Aboriginal Owner / Traditional Owner “through the legal process through the ” Office Of The Register Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1986, Native title Claimant and Rwandan War veteran 1994-95/ Meritorious Unit Citation, ANZAC Peace Prize 1995.

I would like to share with you who the aboriginal people called the Guringai / Guringay / Gringai whatever way spelt are and where we are from.

My family The true Guringai people and location -The kabook and Watoo people <https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2018/08/15/the-kabook-watoo/>

As a Descendant of Aboriginal (-Malookut-lightning AKA Jack Cook ) and (Jessie Cook- Nee Brummy) from the Barrington West Road known as the blacks camp as it was called.  
I am also a Descendant of Aboriginal Robert Clarke of the Manning River and many other Aboriginal family’s on the East Coast.

My aboriginal Grandmother Born 1911 on the Barrington River NSW her mother also born on the Barrington River who’s father was Malookut Lightning AKA-Jack cook born on the Barrington River where his and family are buried on the old camp site.

My Aboriginal Grandfather Born 1907 Nabiack NSW, My father Born 1941 Gloucester and his 16 brothers and sisters Born Gloucester. I would say I have the credentials and knowledge to have a voice in regards to the true Guringai, Kuringgai people culture and history. Our clan would gather fresh water crayfish, mussels, catfish, Perch, Herring, Eels, Mullet from various rivers from the Williams, Dungog, Patterson, Hunter, Barrington and the Gloucester rivers.kangaroo , Wallaby, Paddy melon, Opossum, Jew lizard, Porky pine, wombat, emu, wonga, Bush turkey

and Swan, where only some of the favourite foods and some only to be eaten by elders.

Guringai language <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0geN8vuoCw>

The Guringai

The word has been spelt kuringai, Kuring-gai, Cooringay, Guringai, Gooreeggai, Goreenggai, Gourenggai, Gingai, Gringai, Corringorri, Guringay and Goringai.

The Guringai people were first recorded 1820s with many different spellings and located from the North of the Hunter river Port Stephens NSW. (see below)

The word Kuringgai was a word made up by John fraser 1892 when the government wanted to find a name for Kuring-gai Chase taken from the Guringai or as he spells it Gooringgai 1890 North of the Hunter river

Kuring-gai and Guringai are two different words Gringai also spelt The Cooringay, Guringai, Gooreeggai, Gourenggai, Gingai, Gringai, Corringorri kuringai, Kuring-gai and Guringay on our language dictionary – Guthang) Whatever way it has been spelt is not from the southern side of the Hunter River NSW we are from the North side of the Hunter river NSW recorded in the 1800s.

The Guringai.

Kind regards



Registered Aboriginal owner of Worimi Guringai Lands

Australian Rwandan War veteran 1994-95, ANZAC Peace Prize 1995, Meritorious Unit Citation

Guringai language <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I0geN8vuoCw>

kabook and Watoo people <https://hunterlivinghistories.com/2018/08/15/the-kabook-watoo/>

We acknowledge the Traditional Lands of the Worimi , Guringai or spelt Guringay and Biripi people of the kutthung language the Custodians, spiritual and cultural owners of these lands. We acknowledge our Elders past and present to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Gringai continue to practice Culture and have a strong connection to our lands and secrete sites where our ancestors lay in the Barrington / Gloucester Manning Valley area

**Tracey Howie and Family (Guringai Tribal Link Aboriginal Corporation)**

**Excerpt from**

ANTHROPOLOGICAL CONNECTION REPORT Part 2: Family history and contemporary connection  
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### **Sophy: connection and descent through the records**

According to her death certificate, Charlotte Ashby was the daughter of John Smith, a shingle splitter and Sophia (surname not known).<sup>51</sup> The name Smith is also recorded as Charlotte's maiden name in Sarah Ashby's 1862 birth certificate.<sup>52</sup> The occupation nominated for Charlotte's father is fitting with the occupations pursued by the early white settlers of Brisbane Water where Charlotte is said to have been born. It has been suggested that Sophy's name appears in the 1835 Brisbane Water blanket return as a member of the Brisbane Water tribe associated with the Brisbane Water, Wyong and Tuggerah Beach district. There appears to be two extant versions of this return, both dated 5 May and containing similar, yet not identical, details (see blanket returns in Appendix). Given the major difference seems to be in distinguishing those persons present from those absent, it may be possible that one was an original and the other copied and modified before being formally forwarded to the Colonial Secretary.

At a push, the second woman's name on the less refined document, could be interpreted as Sophy. Her Aboriginal name is given as Bouranger. On the version which is held at State Archives (4/10799.3), however, the name is unmistakeably Sally. In this document it is additionally recorded that Sally was the gin of Jack Jones, an Aboriginal man. Smith has noted that the woman he records as Sophy a.k.a Bouranger appeared in the Sydney returns of 1827 and 1831, again as a member of the Brisbane Water group, and that on the latter occasion she had two young children in her company, a circumstance which would be fitting with the birth of Charlotte in 1830 (Keith Smith pers.comm to NK, 22.10.15). I have not been able to locate these lists.

A record for the birth of an Aboriginal girl named Charlotte in 1830,<sup>53</sup> in which neither the district or the names of the parents are shown, is not particularly helpful, but it does accord with the year of birth appearing on Charlotte's 1845 baptismal record.<sup>54</sup> The register fails to record her parents' names, simply noting that she was an Aboriginal. Neither the surname nor the month of birth is recorded. Charlotte's death certificate shows that she was born in Sydney, however, other recorded alternatives are Hawkesbury River, on her son Walter Ashby's birth certificate and Brisbane Water on that of daughter, Sophy (note the spelling).<sup>55</sup>

There seems to be no evidence to substantiate claims made that Sophy was the daughter of Bungaree, nor any account of how this came to be known. Nevertheless, the early and ongoing connections of Charlotte with the Brisbane Water area and her association with the name Webb may well indicate a traditional association with the area with which Bungaree and his family were linked. Bungaree connections with the Broken Bay area are well attested and there is good evidence

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<sup>51</sup> NSW BDM DC 1913/

<sup>52</sup> NSW BDM BC 1862/6243

<sup>53</sup> NSW BDM BC 1830/2470 30A

<sup>54</sup> Baptism register Parish of Gosford 1845, p.16.

<sup>55</sup> <https://ninglunbooks.wordpress.com/early-last-century/family-stories-4-a-guringai-family-story-warren-whitfield/>

connecting his son Long Dick with the Brisbane Water area (Mann 1842 unpublished manuscript, Mitchell Library; Gosford Times and Wyong District Advocate 29.10.1936:9).

The mention of Sydney as Charlotte's birth place could accord with the presence of Bungaree's family at Sydney, however, the earlier records, informed by Charlotte herself are likely more reliable. The reference to the Hawkesbury has a fairly broad range of possible connotation. On the 1834 Brisbane Water blanket return, Long Dick's tribal affiliation is given as Mangrove. If, as reported, Sarah Wallace was connected to Bungaree's group as well, there may have been some interaction with the people in occupation of Marramarra Creek, as well.

At the time of her baptism, Charlotte's place of abode was Newport, a location in this context relating to the Dora Creek/Eraring area on the southwest side of Lake Macquarie<sup>56</sup>. As noted, Charlotte's baptism was apparently organised to regularise her marriage. On the same day, 2 April, 1845, she wedded Joseph Ashby, a convict farm hand.<sup>57</sup> On her wedding certificate Charlotte is recorded as Charlotte Webb. There are few details on the marriage certificate but on their formal application to marry Charlotte, aged 22, is recorded as the daughter of an Aborigine by an Englishman. Charlotte's age may have been raised to make it more respectable; if the birth date recorded on her baptismal record is to be relied upon, Charlotte was only about 15 when she married. Her husband Joseph Ashby was then aged 32.

The recording of the name Webb is significant and suggests a connection with James Webb who was reputedly the first white settler in the Brisbane Water area, settling at Booker Bay in 1923. Charlotte Webb is understood by family members to have been the product of a rape upon young Sophie by old Webb. There is no evidence by which to determine whether that was true, however, there is information to say that Webb was closely associated with the local Aboriginal people,

James Webb at Booker Bay on the Central Coast, has a working knowledge of Aboriginal languages. He helps to negotiate with Koories at the Rip and at Booker Bay to clear the forest. Koori men are good at working with the saw, women help with feeding animals and working around the farm (cited Swancott 1955).<sup>58</sup>

Webb had a history of violence toward Aboriginal people having been involved in two incidents on the Hawkesbury River in which Aboriginal men had been shot and killed, and in contrast to the co-operative picture suggested by the previous citation, Swancott separately records that Webb had taken a very aggressive stance towards local Aboriginal people at Brisbane Water, who were seen as a threat to his crops,

Traps and spring guns were set to protect his crops, and there was an incident when his foreman's son was seized by an Aboriginal although he was not harmed in any way (Swancott 1953:10).

The partner of the woman Sally who appears in the blanket returns, Jack Jones, was one of those Aboriginal men who were outlawed by the local magistrate, Warner (Clouten 1967:76). Jack was

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<sup>56</sup> NSW BDM DC Charlotte Ashby 1913/3598

<sup>57</sup> NSW BDM MC 1845/550 30B

<sup>58</sup> <http://www.historyofaboriginalsydney.edu.au/north-coastal/1820s>

subsequently shot in the neck, during an ambush at Duralong, near Wyong, in 1835 and taken into custody (The Gosford Times and Wyong District Advocate 30.8.1934 p.5). Although the positing of this man's wife as Charlotte's mother may be mistaken, the fact that Charlotte was affiliated with the surname Webb is suggestive - within the context of Charlotte's historical placement in and about the Gosford area - of some type of association with James Webb. It was common, of course, for Aboriginal people to assume the surnames of white settlers with whom they or their families were involved, without any implication of a blood relationship. Webb had no recorded children and certainly did not include Charlotte as a beneficiary of his will.<sup>59</sup>

Charlotte's husband, Joseph Ashby was employed on Donnison's property<sup>60</sup> at Erina and the birth record of James Ashby reflecting their residence there in 1847.<sup>61</sup> Charlotte and Joseph's elder daughter Hannah was born in 1845. In 1856, the journal of Rev. Glennie, of the Gosford Parish, reports his visit to Charlotte Ashby at Erina who was confined in bed, having just lost her baby daughter (Glennie 1855-1860:9). John Ashby was born at Wyee in 1847, linking Charlotte once more with the south-western side of Lake Macquarie.<sup>62</sup> Eliza Jane was born in Hexham in 1853. Joseph Ashby died in 1864 at Wyong and was buried at Blue Gum Flat in the Ourimbah area.<sup>63</sup> His birth certificate indicates that he was the father to Hannah, James, John and Eliza Jane.

A sketch genealogy taken by the Rev. Renwick, apparently in the 1920s, shows that Charlotte's daughter Amelia b. 1859, was fathered by William Spears (Renwick 1924-1926, appendix, Gosford library). Amelia's birth certificate indicates she was born at Mooney Mooney Creek.<sup>64</sup> Baptismal records give account of four other 'illegitimate children' of Charlotte, Sarah b. 1862, Eva b. 1865, Walter b. 1868 and apparently named after her mother, Sophie b. 1871.<sup>65</sup> At the time of Sarah's birth, Charlotte was living at East Gosford and employed as a needlewoman.<sup>66</sup> The youngest children, Walter and Sophie, were born at Blue Gum Flat.<sup>67</sup>

As well as William Spears, Charlotte was later associated with a man named William Smith, the likely father of some of her younger children. The relationship was clearly fraught. In 1869, William Smith accused Charlotte of stealing money from him at the Blue Gum Flat Tavern. According to an account written by a descendant of John Ashby, Warren Whitfield, it was reported that,

Charlotte was due to appear in court in Sydney 100 kilometres south on Thursday 2nd September 1869. She walked through the prickly heath country of the sandstone

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<sup>59</sup> <https://ninglunbooks.wordpress.com/early-last-century/family-stories-4-a-guringai-family-story-warren-whitfield/>

<sup>60</sup> <https://ninglunbooks.wordpress.com/early-last-century/family-stories-4-a-guringai-family-story-warren-whitfield/>

<sup>61</sup> NSW BDM BC 1847/111 32A

<sup>62</sup> NSW BDM Baptism 1949/3096?

<sup>63</sup> NSW BDM DC Joseph Ashby 1864/3316.

<sup>64</sup> NSW BDM BC 1859/7287-271

<sup>65</sup> Baptismal registers Parish of Gosford

<sup>66</sup> NSW BDM BC 1862/6243-80; Baptismal registers Parish of Gosford

<sup>67</sup> NSW BDM BC 1871/8296/68; Baptismal registers Parish of Gosford



escarpment 100 kilometres to Sydney to appear in court and 100 kilometres back when found not guilty.<sup>68</sup>

This family history also notes that on the basis of Smith's pleadings that she was an unfit mother, Charlotte's two younger children were taken away by the Benevolent Society, although they are said to have been later returned. A photocopied record from the Bench Book III, possibly of the Gosford Court, suggests that two of Charlotte's children had also been conveyed to the Asylum in 1863, following a charge of disorderly conduct.

The private existence of Charlotte and her family remains invisible in the written record but, given her difficult circumstances, it may be expected that they had resort to the local resources to sustain a living. In 1901 Charlotte Ashby was recorded in the census as living at Wyoming in the Gosford area. She died in Gosford in 1913, aged 84, and was buried at North Gosford.<sup>69</sup> By this time some of her children had settled in Sydney.

**Opinion:** The listing of Charlotte's mother's name on her death certificate as Sophia and the naming of her youngest daughter as Sophy, seem to concur, however, the purported inclusion of the name Sophy on the 1835 Brisbane Water return represents an error. This woman is definitely named Sally. Keith Vincent Smith's record that the name Sophy appears on a number of different returns has not been able to be confirmed or otherwise. This information is not referenced in enough detail to relocate the records. There is no evidence at hand to link Sally with Charlotte and nothing to affirm that Charlotte was conceived as the result of a rape.

There is no contemporaneous record of Charlotte's birthplace. Subsequent attestations to it being Hawkesbury River, Brisbane Water or Sydney. The congruence of her father's occupation as shingle splitter, the association with the Webb surname, at least one birthplace record for Brisbane Water and Charlotte's subsequent long history of residence in and about the Gosford area, lead me to believe that Charlotte was likely born in, or traditionally associated with, the area. Given the history, during that era, of a considerable presence of Broken Bay people at Sydney, Charlotte's birth there would not be out of keeping with a Broken Bay tribal affiliation. The Hawkesbury reference is non-specific, and not entirely out of accord with a reference to Brisbane Water.

There is some trace in the historical record, particularly in terms of Charlotte's movements at the time of her marriage, and at the birth of at least one of her elder children, to show that she resided at and/or frequented the lower Lake Macquarie district. One record places her further north at Hexham. It might be contended that her presence at Mooney Mooney Creek for the birth of Amelia - a child who it seems was conceived as a result of an outside liaison during her marriage - could have been signal of ties with the Lewis family, some of whom resided about Mooney Mooney Creek around that time. For the greater part of her life, Charlotte seems to have gravitated about the Erina, Gosford and Ourimbah areas.

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<sup>68</sup> <https://ninglunbooks.wordpress.com/early-last-century/family-stories-4-a-guringai-family-story-warren-whitfield/>

<sup>69</sup> NSW BDM DC 1913/6598

### 3.2 Ongoing connection evidence: descendants of Sophy.

According to Warren Whitfield's published account,<sup>89</sup>

Although all of Charlotte's children were born in the Gosford to Wyong area most of them eventually moved to Sydney and further afield to pursue their chosen careers. I can only speak for my great grandfather John Ashby whose children Hanna Matilda, James, Bertha, Charlotte, Henry, Joseph, Margaret, William and Mary all traversed frequently between the Central Coast of New South Wales and Balmain, where they lived until they married. Charlotte's children James and Eliza Jane also lived in the same street in Balmain intermittently with their spouses and children during the course of their lives.

Claimants actively involved in the present claim are also descended from John Ashby and their oral and documentary history lie in accord. Following this line of descent, Hannah Matilda Ashby was born to John Ashby and Matilda Lees in 1882 at Balmain,<sup>90</sup> but she later worked as a domestic at the Hargraves house at Norah Head continuing a long tradition of connections between that family and Aboriginal people of the central coast (see Kerrie Brauer family history). According to Tracey Howie, it was at the Hargraves home that Hannah met Henry Stamford Boyd (Tracey Howie pers.comm to NK, 16.8.15).

Hannah and Henry Boyd married in Balmain in 1900<sup>91</sup> and, in the same year, their first daughter, Matilda Ellen Boyd, was born, her birth being recorded at their home address in Short Street, North Balmain. Henry Boyd was from a prestigious family. He was a foundation member of Balmain Hospital and worked on the railways (Tracey Howie pers. comm to NK, 16.8.15). Reta Smith, who's mother was the sister of Matilda Boyd, says that he worked with Ben Chifley at Lithgow but, she says, 'my grandfather died very young and she (Hannah Boyd) was left with eleven children' (Reta Smith pers.comm to NK, 1.6.15). Reta believes this may be the reason that her Aboriginality was kept quiet, 'that's probably why she didn't declare it. I think she knew'.

While some branches of the family say their Aboriginality was a known fact to them, the Smiths say that it was not something they were aware of but that on reflection there were certain incidents which seem telling. Reta Smith says that her father did not like his mother-in-law and would not permit her in the house. Reta remembers an incident in which her grandmother came to visit, when Merle [presumably her sister] and Reta were little. She remembers a conflict in which her mother got angry and lashed out, saying of her mother, 'she's only a black bitch anyway.' They also remember being warned not to say anything disparaging about others, 'you don't say anything about other people because you may not know your own heritage'.

Although their Aboriginality was not an important component of their identity they nevertheless maintained a significantly kin focused life and maintained contact with the extended family. They

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<sup>89</sup> Although efforts were made to locate Mr Whitfield they proved unfruitful.

<sup>90</sup> NSW BDM BC 4379/1882

<sup>91</sup> NSW BDM MC 3293/1900

were regular visitors to their mother's sister's home and kept that up even after the early death of their mother.

Trudy Smith recalls that her father used to call in to say hello to the Sales' family at Tacoma. The Sales' it was noted, did not originally come from the area. Cheryl, Reta's daughter-in-law, a non-indigenous Central Coast woman says of the Sales,

They were always in Wyong. Always messy. They were all related and really black. When they originally came here they lived in Warnervale (Cheryl Dudley pers.comm to NK, 1.6.15).

Tacoma is remembered as the main fishing village. Boats would come across the Entrance. They fished in the Lakes, in the Wyong River and at Ourimbah.

Although many of the families moved away descendants of Charlotte Webb continued to maintain connections to kin and to country through visiting, the maintenance of holiday homes and perennial camping trips. Kevin Robinson, whose family stayed in the area, living at Tacoma, recounts how other family members, 'used to come and visit. They often always used to come and stay' (Kevin Robertson pers.comm to NK, 23.10.15).

Matilda Ellen (Nell) Boyd known to Tracey Howie as Big Nana, had a holiday house at Chittaway Bay (Tracey Howie pers.comm to NK, 16.8.15). 'The Cottage' was located by Ourimbah Creek, not far removed from the area once known as Blue Gum Flat where Charlotte was known to have lived for many years. This house served as an important gathering place for all the family who would congregate there at holiday time. Originally the journey was made in the old steam trains from Central Station. After her parents had died, Tracey's grandmother, Maree Wyllie, took over the house. Close and more distant relatives would come to stay. Sisters, Reta Smith and Lyn Robely, related to Maree through their grandmother recollect going camping at Chittaway Bay with Fred and Maree (Reta Smith, Lyn Robely, Trudy Smith pers.comm to NK, 1.6.15).

Tracey Howie believes her Nan was conscious about keeping the extended family connections intact,

I think that's because my Nan kept that connection going...There were times when there was an absolute shitload of us...They'd stay there for like a month (Tracey Howie pers.comm to NK, 17.10.15).

While there both children and adults spent much of their time swimming and fishing. Tracey says that her Nan had been a phenomenal swimmer. Fishing was both a recreational and a practical pastime,

It's on the river so we swam, we fished, we did all those sorts of things. Main fish, flathead and bream, whiting. Me brother's a bit of a gun for getting the crabs out of there (Tracey Howie pers.comm to NK, 17.10.15).

Another place which has very important personal and familial significance for the Robinson's is Patonga Beach. 'Try telling mum not to go back to Patonga,' says Tracey; 'we feel that connection. The coast itself. We...seem to gravitate back (Tracey Howie pers.comm to NK, 16.8.15),

yeah we've come here for holidays and family get-to-togethers and that as long as I can remember since I was a baby, and I know that you know, mum did before that with her

family as well and yeah, its just where we come to, you know, get back to basics and get away from all the modern stuff (Tracey Howie pers.comm to NK, 17.10.15).

At Patonga, the adults and children engaged in prawning and fishing. Tracey tells how white friends would be astounded at the licence that children in her family enjoyed and their capability in fishing and prawning. In regard to their fishing practice, Kyle Howie speaks of the ethic of not overtaxing the resources of the country,

the way that we were taught to fish from a young age is that you catch what you need to eat and you can't get anything more because it's a waste, so you only take what you need and live off that. So sometimes I don't like seeing other people fishing because I think other people are greedy, when it comes to that, but other times, there's some people that do the right thing, they go about it the right way and that's fine by me (Kyle Howie pers.comm to NK, 17.10.15).

Mindfulness of sustaining the resources extends to certain restrictions which serve to protect the breeding stock. While visiting Patonga Kyle explained,

into the river systems up there, there's a corner, as you go up that stream there's a corner, as you go up that stream there's a distinct corner that turns right and around that area, it's usually like a flathead breeding ground. So I can't remember what time of year it is, but there's a couple of months of the year where it's just really good fishing. But you have to be wary when you're fishing there, you have to check all the flathead because, if they get over 70cm long, you have to throw them back because of [government?]. Because they turn into females after they get to a certain length...they're hermaphrodites from a young age, so they could be male or female...When they turn into females when they're larger, that's when they're ready to breed again so you generally try to leave them so they can restock the population and keep it going, so yeah leave all the bigger ones alone when they get to that age (Kyle Howie pers.comm to NK, 17.10.15).

Although for many years Tracey and her family used to maintain their connections through visiting, they never felt particularly at home in Sydney,

We were always still coming up, every moment that we had.

Tracey grew up in Sydney first in southern suburbs of Sydney then western Sydney but as a teenager she took herself back to the central coast staying with family on her father's side, 'I took off at fourteen and came back myself' (Tracey Howie pers.comm to NK, 17.10.15). Not long after the whole family moved back to the Central Coast.

Tracey says that she would describe herself as a saltwater person with an innate connection to the water. She describes the feeling of connection to country as something that no non-Aboriginal person cannot share,

I sort of like, I don't know why, I suppose that you feel that connection with it that, it's like a um, it's, I don't know, an uninhibited love, an unconditional love... And I suppose the point that I'm trying to make ... is sort of like I'm sitting somewhere and feeling connection, I sort of look around and it makes, I get a real warm comforting feeling with the thought that I



know that others don't get that. And I look at them it's like .. I don't know, I could say everyone else is looking through rose-coloured glasses and they don't feel what I feel and I like that. It makes me feel not just at home. It's a comforting... and you know and just the feeling of protection. It's really hard to put into words (Tracey Howie pers.comm to NK, 17.10.15).

It's like, I often do look other people, non-aboriginal people and think like, you poor things, you haven't got what I've got, and God, this is good, mm. Yeah, I don't know..

As well as positive feelings of belonging and being in the right place, Tracey Howie and her son Kyle, explain that they also experience in the body, strong sensations which warn them when they are in a place which is not right for them. Tracey together with Kyle Howie, tells how during a site survey, she had experienced a very dramatic feeling which warned her that she was heading somewhere where she should not go. Kyle recounts,

We were just trying to sense our way up there we got half way up the hill. As far as we could see and mum started to feel rather sick and didn't really want to go any further.

Tracey continues,

No, I had lead in my boots, I couldn't move my boots, my feet were like stuck, and I couldn't breathe, I saw you just yellow, I didn't see anything but yellow..

Tracey was forced to retreat to the car, while Kyle says he was drawn upward. They explain that there was a men's site on the top of the hill.

Bad energy is said to be able to effect the home. Tracey and Kyle tell how a Darug man conducted a smoking ceremony in their home, smoking the house with the smouldering leaves of a yellowblood to cleanse it.

While Tracey is now very actively involved in site and heritage protection work, and has fought many battles to protect the land and sites from damage by developers, she says that her Aboriginality is something that she and the family had always kept close to themselves,

and I know that we have got family members of our family that they don't deny... but they don't ..and it's funny the language that you use and you've got to sort of choose your language carefully what you use because .. a lot of people say they don't identify but they do identify, they will say yeah I am Aboriginal, I do have Aboriginal blood but they don't, you know, like they're like they don't get involved in like land council and things like that... they just have a personal their own personal kind of connection thing and that's ok ...[not political] and hey I can understand ...like for me, I'm really glad that Uncle Warren did start the corporation and do what he did but there's still a side of me that is begrudging that because I feel like I've lost a little bit of personal ownership of, you know what I mean, because before it was all mine and now I feel like I'm exposed and open for ridicule and that sort of thing and I don't feel I should be subject to that, that anyone has the right to do that...

Like, I suppose it's like... a religion, you know what I mean, like you can be catholic but you don't have to be go to church every Sunday to prove to the world that you're Catholic. It's the same thing with Aboriginality you know. Like our family has always been so connected with our country and done all of these things and lived these particular lifestyles and felt that innate connection to the area and that sort of thing but we're not about to go running down the street and flying an Aboriginal flag and that sort of thing, because it's ours.

Its... and I don't know with all the things that you lose, that you've lost over time, it's.. like you've got to have something that somebody can't take away from you, you know what I mean, you feel like you've been stripped of so much just with the impact that occurred here, you know like a lot of people describe it as 'this is where the bomb went off' and they tried to take away all of our dance and all of our language and all of that and it was sort of like, you know, I suppose like our family can look back now and see that, at the time they did what they had to do to survive the moment that they were in, but you look back now and its sort of like, they weren't only surviving for the predicament they were in, but they were also preserving it, because they kept it tight, you know what I mean, and we kept it tight... and that's what's sort of enabled us now to ... we've been empowered by that, by them, you know like my grandmother and my great grandmother by them sort of like keeping us tight and that, I feel that is what has empowered me to be able to do what I'm doing now (Tracey Howie pers.comm to NK, 17.10.15).

The younger generation is less self-conscious about their Aboriginality, although says Kyle, there are still those who hide it,

Maybe not within our family itself...I can think of a couple of cases of when I was at school and because, you know, being a whiter skinned aboriginal, other of the...just the white kids were just like, 'so you're actually aboriginal?' And I was like, 'well yeah'. And then a few of them quietly would be like, 'well, yeah, I'm actually Aboriginal as well'. And I'd say, 'why don't you say anything?' And it's, 'mum and dad don't say anything'. Some people, I don't know, just haven't really got with the times I guess...I know that earlier on, before my time it was all kept in secret, a few people still stay in secrecy (Kyle Howie, pers.comm to NK,

Kyle says that he actively speaks up for the rights of his family, as descendants of the original inhabitants, to have the sole privilege of speaking for country. He explained an argument he had over a Darkinung dance teacher giving a welcome to country on the Central Coast. After the speech had been given he told the boys in the dance troop,

I was talking to them and telling them that's wrong. They said, 'he's an elder, you've got to respect him. That just made my blood boil even more' (Kyle Howie, pers.comm to NK, 17.10.15).

Kevin Robinson, Tracey's cousin, grew up at Tacoma,

I lived in Tacoma. It's pretty much where Wyong River meets the lake.<sup>92</sup> I grew up there. Always fishing. I grew up on the river. It was full of fisherman,

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<sup>92</sup> The site to which Mann travelled with the Brisbane Water people for an intertribal gathering in 1842.

Aboriginal families including the Sales and Byles lived there and operated fishing businesses, although they were not originally from the area.

'Uncle' Kevin Byles had been on the river a long time, his father was there a fisherman before that. I know the indigenous side went through his mother. 'Uncle' Kevin had been there longer than us but he used to tell me he was from outside.

Kevin recalls that the Aboriginal fishermen, all worked for themselves. 'I remember them rowing up the creek.' One of the Sales brothers, Carl Sales is still going, but the fishing at Tacoma is just about finished. The Sales and the Byles, Kevin observes, would often catch more fish than the non-Aboriginal fishermen 'they were just more in-tuned'. (Kevin Robinson pers.comm to NK, 17.10.15).

Kevin's father was incapacitated and so Kevin used to spend a lot of time in company with Uncle Kevin. Much of his time he spent fishing and prawning. Kevin says that from his bed,

...at night you could hear the mullet jumping. I was that into it I could tell the different types. the first one had an even sound, the second one used to flick its tail, it's called a fan-tail. You could hear the flicking of the tail as it went through the air (Kevin Robinson to NK, 21.10.15).

He also gives account of the different habits of the prawns which run at night and those that move in the day. Kevin says, 'I'd always get something to bring home, mullet, bream, prawns.' Kevin says that when you're not doing commercial fishing, you wouldn't take too much, you'd only take as much as you could eat in a day. You had to be respectful to the place. When Kevin used to come home from fishing, he says his father would question him if he had 'done the right thing',

I remember being told not to waste food. My father, when I went fishing, he'd tell me, 'you do the right thing'. He'd want to know if I did the right thing before I/he? ate it

Kevin tells me that he was told never to take or eat stingray,

I've always been brought up on that's who we are. We don't catch them, we don't hurt them. When we catch them we say we're sorry and we put them back. Even if someone else has cooked it we won't eat it. I remember my father drumming that in ...

Like others, Kevin feels the need to be by the water. When he took on a one year contract with Aboriginal Health in Moree, he says, 'I couldn't wait to get out of there. I knew I was far from the coast. I was really far from the coast' (Kevin Robinson pers.comm to NK, 21.10.15). When he introduces himself to people outside his own country, Kevin says that he tells them,

I'm Guringai mob, saltwater fella, stingray people.

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Oxford Falls

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**submission**

I strongly oppose the Pategarang ( Lizard Rock) development.

Since covid the areas around Morgan Rd Oxfalls Rd West have exploded with walkers, bike riding & horse riding.

The fauna and flora is unique with wildlife.

Having a development in this area is totally

out of character and will be a nightmare with traffic on Morgan Rd.

During the building of NB hospital we had a massive increase in traffic from Morgan Rd entering Forestway ( increasing morning from 5 min wait to 50 mins) with traffic banked up to Slippery Dip Trail entry.

Bush fire risk is another major concern with the proposed development with access for residents limited.

Ultimately it would be good to convert to Conservation Area or National Park for all to enjoy.



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**submission**

I am totally against this rezoning Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose for housing development.

This is pristine Sydney bushland that has NOT been affected by agricultural development or sand mining. There are threatened plants such as Tetratheca glandulosa as well as Grammitis stenophylla , a finger fern which can be found in the area.

There has not been a 'proper plant survey', only a "preliminary biodiversity development assessment report". The surveyor states clearly that the survey has many shortfalls. Often the timing is poor and the area surveyed less than required for later development applications.

In the quadrants surveyed he found intact bushland vegetation and the only weed encountered and that only in one quadrant was whiskey grass.

Furthermore the area is at risk for bushfires. This bushland has been fired for centuries, is adapted to fire and thus burns readily. This puts at great risk any permanent inhabitants and proposed housing in this area.

The aboriginal leader's comments about this land are false. The bush under consideration is not old agricultural land. Agriculture was practiced in the valley not on the ridge. The agricultural land is private land not Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council land.

Sand mining occurred in one small area and this area is now being rehabilitated.

Perhaps those making this decision should walk the Slippey Dip track. This is my experience on 26 September 2022 .

The nine kilometre walk is not difficult. Until the end when all I wanted to do was finish there were plenty of attractive distractions. In the beginning I was overwhelmed by the beauty of flowering plants and spent much too long with my camera. There were many close-ups of flowers as I wandered off the Slippery Dip fire trail and its sidetracks. After the heavy winter rains the bush was awash with colour and the fragrance of new growth. Large tracts of yellow pea-flowers lined the track. Wetter rocky areas had white coral heath with minute flowers on thin stems. Occasionally there were glimpses of hot pink Boronia although the light pink of Pink Wax flowers dominated.

The great number of different flowers was not a surprise. It has been written that on this walk there are fifty different species in flower at any one time. They grow mostly in the heath on top of the ridge. Mercifully the closer bush tracks had not yet been destroyed by mountain-bike wheels. This was not the case in wetter areas. Mountain-bikes have done considerable damage to the steep track down over rocks to Deep Creek. No doubt getting down this track without serious injury is considered a challenge. The many different plant species I saw after I dropped the 80 metres down into Deep Creek had few flowers. At the bottom there was a broad rock platform and a three metre high waterfall. The canyon is the habitat of ferns and larger trees. It was a narrow wet track beside the creek that disappeared under large sandstone blocks and ran close to cliff overhangs that oozed out water. A crystal clear rill off the slope replenished my water bottle. The creek soon broadened into a wide flood plain with tall Eucalyptus trees and Cabbage Tree Palms as well as other rainforest trees.

Before this I had dallied and lunched for an hour on the ridge top enjoying the views and occasionally noticing the roar of cars rising from the Wakehurst Parkway below. It was a pleasure to wander along the narrow walking track to the Moon Rock rock-shelf. The greatest variety of plants were in flower on the escarpment's shallow sandy soil. The rock shelf at the eastern end of Moon Rock has a barely discernible etching of a large fish or whale as well as many rock pools supporting stunted vegetation, tadpoles and wrigglers.

A flimsy wire barrier blocked the track onto the Moon Rock. Signage announced that this land was privately owned by the Sydney Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council. Indeed, the NSW government has granted the Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council ownership of the pristine bush between Wakehurst Parkway, beyond the Slippery Dip fire trail to the Garigal National Park boundary. This well intentioned restitution of historically taken land has had unintentional and potentially catastrophic consequences. At the beginning of the Slippery Dip Trail there is another sign announcing that the Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council plans to sell large areas of bush to housing estate developers. This runs counter to the aborigines proclaiming that they are traditional carers of the land. It would be tragic to see yet another swath pure indigenous bushland close to Sydney's centre disappear under the developers bulldozer.

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**submission**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a local resident of the Sydney Basin and am writing to oppose the proposed rezoning of land at Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose, or "Lizard Rock" (PP-2022-3802). I write on behalf of those who cannot write a submission for themselves – the wildlife that live at Lizard Rock, and the future generations who have a right to a healthy natural environment.

This proposal must be refused for the following reasons:

- Loss of habitat for iconic species of flora and fauna such as swamp wallabies. This bushland forms part of a wildlife corridor connecting private land, Garigal National Park, and Narrabeen Lagoon State Park. This area has high biodiversity value and is irreplaceable.
- Impacts on the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment as stormwater from the development will flow down hill, with less bushland to filter the water before it enters the estuary. This will impact on threatened species including the red-crowned toadlet and spotted-tail quoll, and on marine animals that live in the lagoon.
- Loss of Sydney's Green lungs as trees are renowned for their ability to improve air quality, help to cool urban areas, and draw down carbon from the atmosphere into the ground. With the threat of climate change, every tree plays an important role in drawing down carbon, and helping to mitigate urban heat impacts.
- Some of the sites are at significant risk of bushfire events. This would mean we are building houses in places we know that people may not be safe in the future. Northern Beaches Council has obtained independent advice on bushfire risks at the Lizard Rock site, which identified that the site includes areas of Very High – Extreme risk. The report also identified concerns about the safety and viability of evacuation. This proposal will likely require significant asset protection zones, which would further erode the wildlife corridor.
- Traffic and urban sprawl – this proposal will create problems with urban sprawl, as more houses are built away from urban centres, and so the residents will be reliant on cars, rather than being within a short walk or bus ride to places. This will contribute towards local traffic congestion on Forest Way, Wakehurst Parkway, and Warringah Road.
- Broader Strategic planning implications - the proposed housing is happening in isolation to the broader strategic planning being done by Northern Beaches Council to meet housing needs and plan for issues such as traffic and services in a holistic way across the entire Northern Beaches.

· Negative precedent in the deferred lands – The Northern Beaches Council is undertaking a strategic review of land use in the Metropolitan Rural Area in Oxford Falls and Belrose. Using an evidence based approach, the Council's draft plans are to zone private land in this area as Rural and C3 Environmental Management zoning. Approving the planning proposal would create an inappropriate precedent that other landowners in the MRA can also seek a spot rezoning, further eroding the remaining bushland on private land.  
Thank you for your consideration

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I object to loss of habitat on Lizard Rock.



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**submission**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

I object to the Patyegarang Planning Proposal.

As part of DPE's commitments to Net Zero and in accordance with the Climate Risk Ready framework, I do not believe this planning proposal can be approved. When upholding fiduciary duties to climate change, DPE has an obligation to consider the compounding impacts of climate change with regard to:

- habitat and biodiversity impacts
- natural hazards, particularly extreme bushfire risk, flood risk, exposure to storms
- the interdependencies between services and natural hazards
- risk to property and people

The excessive clearing the planning proposal requires will have a material impact on the canopy cover, biodiversity and ecology of the local area. The proposal is also inadequately addressing the extreme risk of extreme bushfire by placing property and people within the area.

Additionally, the clearing, and then construction of up to 450 homes will have unreasonable carbon release impacts that are unable to be fully mitigated via offsets or other interventions. These homes will also generate additional urban heat island effect, exacerbate localised flooding risk through extensive hard surfaces, and forever deteriorate the natural character of the area.

Under the legal threshold of executing due care and consideration for new developments, with regard to fiduciary climate duties, this proposal lacks. In approving the proposal DPE assume risk to legal action, that is increasing in prevalence in Australia where approval entities fail to uphold their climate responsibilities.

Furthermore, DPE risks enabling an outcome where future residents are exposed to climate-related action by lenders (tightening lending in high risk areas), and insurers (homes being uninsurable due to high risk). This would be irresponsible to enable.

Finally, the natural character of the Northern Beaches includes large swathes of bushland that should remain protected for the benefit of our local populations, and those that visit.

Please do not enable to destruction of this bushland. It can not be undone.

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**submission**

I totally agree with Northern Beaches Council on this matter. The current government's decision to cancel Beaches Link and now deferred Mona Vale Road Western Upgrade only means more traffic congestion for Forest Area. The proposal is way over the top. The pioneers of the area had the foresight to leave it as natural as possible.

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**submission**

I oppose this development as it will cause a loss of habitat and fauna, create traffic congestion and is not in keeping with existing housing.

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**submission**

I am concerned that Nimbyism is resulting in the increasing cost of housing in all areas of Sydney.

Whenever a proposal is raised to build new housing within a reasonable distance to the Chatswood CBD, North Sydney CBD, and the Macquarie Park Industrial area and Belrose Industrial area it is opposed on a variety of environmental, transport or infrastructure arguments.

Given the huge area of northern Sydney that is covered by a number of national parks, the environmental argument is specious.

The younger generation needs to be able to afford housing which is within the area they were brought up in, rather than being consigned to the Central Coast, or areas closer to Penrith or Liverpool.

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My objections to this development are as follows

Carbon impact of clearing bush land

Bushfire risk

Loss to future generations

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**submission**

To Whom it may concern,

The hospital development destroyed so much and although it was reported to be working on helping to rehome the many displaced animals this never happened and the "freeways" were still built changing the beautiful landscape of Frenchs "Forest" forever in a negative way. However I accepted that the hospital was crucial and grateful to have it close to me. I do not think we need 450 new houses in a bush fire danger area to line the pockets of the greedy. We need to keep somethings scared and for all future generations to enjoy. Its becoming a concrete jungle here where will be targeted next. Oxford Falls also being destroyed. If we allow this it will just keep continuing. The beautiful wild spaces we have is what makes the Northern Beaches special and desirable.

Please please dont allow this.

Tracy

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**submission**

Please stop the development of Morgan Road, Belrose. Please keep some bush land on the Northern Beaches. This land is significant for our native wildlife, the native custodians of our land and generations to come.

To add further to this submission, the area is already extremely busy and there is no infrastructure to support the level of development that is proposed.

If we allow the development of this land, it is setting a precedent for further development of other bush land in NSW.



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I fully support the Council concerns whose officers have studied this proposal in detail.

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**submission**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a long-term local resident on the Northern Beaches and am writing to oppose the proposed rezoning of land at Patyegarang, Morgan Road, Belrose, or “Lizard Rock” (PP-2022-3802).

I am a trail runner and walker and have a detailed knowledge of the area proposed for development and formally object to it based on planning principles.

While I fully recognise the rights of the owners to propose any land use change they like, it important that any change of use needs to meet the same standards as any development. In this case there are multiple reasons why, using NSW Planning’s own guidelines, the proposal cannot proceed

The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 No 203 itself identifies 9 key areas where this proposal should not be supported:

1. Ecological Impact: The studies done in the area – as well as the lived experience of the many locals and vistors who know this area confirm the richness of the environment. The development would result in:

- Loss of habitat for native species, including threatened and endangered species.
- Fragmentation of wildlife corridors which are crucial for species movement and survival (particularly considering the fragmented remnant bushland of the Northern Beaches.
- Loss of biodiversity due to the removal of native vegetation.

2. Bushfire Risk:

- This point alone should be sufficient to rule the development out. Access is extremely limited; slope, vegetation type and wind direction would make it extremely difficult to protect these

dwelling, resulting in an increased burden on emergency services during bushfire events.

3. Cultural & Heritage Concerns:

- While I am not qualified to speak to the indigenous heritage of the area, surely the proximity to Moon Rock and other known areas of significance should be considered.

4. Landscape & Aesthetic Value:

- The area forms part of a small but significant area of natural beauty that surrounds Narrabeen Lagoon – the loss of this will reduce the visual amenity and much of what makes the area unique.
- Loss of the recreational and mental health benefits of natural green spaces.

5. Hydrological Impact:

- Studies on the Narrabeen catchment identify its fragility and that changes to natural water flow patterns can result in erosion, sedimentation, or even flooding in certain areas. Given the regular flooding of low-lying residential areas of the lagoon, this massive increase in hard surfaces from buildings, roads and infrastructure would no doubt increase the incidence of these events.
- The water quality of the creeks and lagoons would be negatively impacted due to urban runoff and contamination.

6. Soil & Geotechnical Concerns:

- Development could result in land degradation or exacerbate existing land stability issues. Examination of the erosion adjacent to Morgan road caused by even the minor works of the power lines and bike trails is clear evidence of the fragility of this area.

7. Infrastructure & Services:

- Existing infrastructure -roads, sewage, water, etc. are clearly insufficient to handle the increased residential population.
- The additional impacts to surrounding areas as extra infrastructure is required will also be significant.

8. Traffic & Congestion:

- Oxford Falls Rd is a very poor road (until recently dirt) with a causeway that floods in any heavy rain – leaving only a single exit point for residents. Even widening the road does not alleviate these issues.

9. Climate Change & Resilience:

- This development will unequivocally require extensive clearing of vegetation. Development might reduce the area's ability to cope with and adapt to climate change impacts. The existing vegetation acts as a carbon sink, and its removal may exacerbate climate change.
- This is at odds with the NSW government's stated climate goals.

In conclusion, a ten minute walk through the area will confirm all of the above – you'll arrive on the single road in (assuming the causeway is not flooded, see and hear the biodiversity, observe the fragility, notice the undeniable bushfire risk and realise the complete absence of infrastructure – all of which make it completely unsuited to the current proposed development.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I object to the propsed development of 450 houses at Lizard rock, on environmental grounds.

The area is prime native bushland . 45 ha of Native flora and fauna will be destroyed forever.

The proposed development is also in a high risk fire zone. It burns often. So hundreds of new residents would be at fire risk and a massive cost to protect them.

The area is isolated with no infrastructure around it. Not many ways in and out.

Also, the area feeds water into the lake narrabeen catchmment which could be disrupted/polluted by a concrete jungle in the place of native bush.

MLAC worked hard to close down the use of this very area from recreational users based on the areas' high environmental sensitivity. And now ironically are planning to destroy it all by building houses on it!. Development should not be permitted.

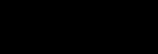
Please save this rare area of natural beauty and and if needed please put the houses somewhere less environmentally sensitive.

Regards

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**submission**

I am against this proposed residential development for the following reasons:

- 1) It will impact negatively on the flora and fauna of the local area.
- 2) It is an area of bushland that I have loved and explored for 58 years, since I was nine, and I do not want to see it destroyed. It is "Country" to me, my special place.
- 3) Because it is a valuable resource for the sustainability of our planet it should be incorporated into the National Park System.
- 4) There will be numerous negative affects from the bushfire risk to residents, the additional traffic burden and sediment and rubbish flow into the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment.
- 5) Aboriginal Land like this should be maintained in a pristine condition for the enjoyment of future generations of aboriginals. Once bulldozed, it is DEAD.
- 6) A better solution for additional housing is utilizing infill development. Saving native bushland must take priority.