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Content:

I am a local resident and concerned about this development. Primarily because the SEE does not address Environmental Concerns at all.

The following statement is made in section 2.1 of the SEE. "The proposal does not seek to remove vegetation on the site that would be restricted under provisions of the DCP. The lease area of the proposed development does not contain any such vegetation."

The Developer clearly has made no effort to determine what is considered "restricted" under the DCP. The DCP states that 'restricted vegetation' includes any "ecological community listed under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995".

A large proportion of the remaining vegetation on the proposed development site (130 Cormorant Rd, Kooragang) qualifies as the Endangered Ecological Community: 'Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest of the New South Wales North Coast, Sydney Basin and South East Corner Bioregions'. This community is Endangered under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995. This means the words in the SEE that state 'no restricted vegetation under The DCP occurs on site' is incorrect. I want to see a full ecological assessment undertaken by a recognised ecological consultant as part of this SEE to determine there will be no impact to this EEC (or any other threatened fauna, flora or communities) as a result of the Development. If any EEC is to be impacted, appropriate mitigation methods should be upheld.

Any vegetation works on site should focus on using trees and shrubs that form part the "Swampoak Floodplain Forest" EEC rather than the two exotic plants (Raphiolepis and Durantia) proposed in the SEE.

I would like to see provision of wetland areas within or adjacent to the Development within the property that may support locally threatened species including the Green and Golden Bell Frog and I want to proof that the car wash waste water will not EVER end up in the Hunter River.

I want a full response to my submission via email and I want evidence to show that my concerns will by addressed. I also expect that the Department of Planning ensure that the developer undertakes a full ecological assessment of the development site.

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