

As a former resident of West Roseville (Alexander Pde) I am deeply concerned & utterly gobsmacked at the government's intention to increase the density of housing in McLaurin Av/Pockley Av /Larkin Rd.

After we moved our daughter and her family purchased our home due to this unique environmental pocket which harbours nesting powerful owls, tawny frogmouths and other precious wildlife in the **protected Blue Gum high forest.**

In 1994 when the bushfires swept through this small precinct we were threatened with ash & spot fires being funnelled along Blue Gum creek behind all properties including at the bottom of Findlay Avenue. It was a terrifying experience & was made even worse by having only one right hand escape exit onto Pacific Highway via **McLaurin Pde.** And limited access for emergency vehicles. Plus, there was a lack of accessible water for the emergency vehicles in attendance & one can only envisage another Los Angeles firestorm in the future.

There are 6 streets plus a carpark that currently feed into **McLaurin Pde** and are within this bushfire prone area. These streets are (Alexander, Pockley, Nola, Carona, King, Larkin & the carpark behind the Pacific Highways shops). Following the 1994 bushfires there have been 7 newly built high-rise developments providing over 200 extra dwellings within this small precinct. This has added to the risk & impossibility of escape in the case of an emergency. It is already a bottleneck in peak hours without increasing the number of dwellings encroaching down into the narrow, undulating topography. Since recent developments there has been flooding of Blue Gum Creek into properties after heavy rains which had never been the case prior to these developments

Since that time there has been no effort to reduce this fire risk. **This area defined in Southwest Roseville is the ONLY suburb within Kuri ng ai Council that has a bushfire risk within 800 metres of the railway station. Developers appear to be ignoring bushfire and cumulative traffic access restrictions as required under Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021.**

Past attempts to alter the traffic light sequences at McLaurin Pde have failed & residents have been told it is an impossibility due to the exit connecting with a Federal Highway & the close proximity of traffic lights at the junction of Boundary Road and Pacific Highway. I totally disagree with the latest Report that traffic access will not be affected by the addition of an increased number of new dwellings.

Developers and the NSW Govt will be facing legal action regarding human safety risks if further development is not curbed in Southwest Roseville ie. Pockley Ave/Larkin Rd.

It is imperative that they MUST address known and escalating evacuation vulnerabilities.

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