



27th August 2025

Objection to the [Julius Avenue Data Centre](#)

Although this proposal is not in West Ward we feel it will have a negative impact on the natural environment along the Lane Cove River and to the wildlife habitat corridors along Swaines Creek and the Chatswood Golf Course..

If this plan goes ahead it will result in the removal of 509 trees (Page 9 of EIS - Julius Avenue Data Centre 240625) that are part of the important habitat corridor right next to the Lane Cove National Park and the Great North Walk near Fairyland. After the loss of 297 trees for the Chatswood Golf Club development, the cumulative effect of such tree loss would be disastrous for local wildlife, not to mention other negative impacts such as erosion, heat island effect, noise etc..

There would be loss of habitat for three threatened fauna species, namely: Large-eared Pied Bat (*Chalinolobus dwyeri*), Little Bent-winged Bat (*Miniopterus australis*) and Large Bent-winged Bat (*Miniopterus orianae oceanensis*), and four threatened plant species, being *Darwinia biflora*, *Deyeuxia appressa*, *Hibbertia spanantha* and *Rhizanthella slateri*. It is essential that the biodiversity impacts of this proposal are assessed.

At a recent presentation by Willoughby Council Resilience Specialist, Nick Chapman, reported the findings of a heat study conducted in Willoughby by the Western Sydney University during the 2023/2024 summer. The highest temperature 46°C was in **Lane Cove West** and the highest number of hot nights were in Chatswood CBD expected to accommodate 3,500 more residents between 2021 & 2035. (See pg 13 Urban Forest Program presentation on next page) The removal of 509 trees for the Julius Avenue Data Centre could only exacerbate the urban heat putting people and wildlife at further risk.

We therefore urge you to reject this proposal in its current form.

Regards,

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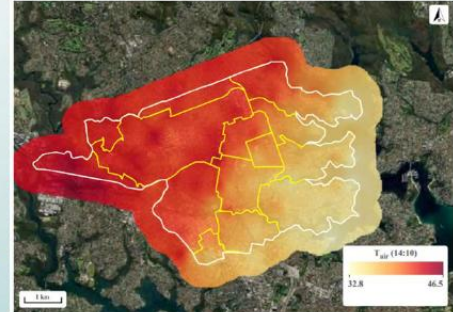
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Strategic Direction 3 – Climate change adaptation and mitigation



- Tree canopy is vital to mitigate increased urban heat due to climate change
- Western Sydney University Heat Study during 2023/2024 summer
- Highest temp. 46 degC in Lane Cove West
- 17 degC difference between leafy suburbs (Castle Crag, Castle Cove) and suburbs with less tree canopy (Chatswood, Artarmon & St Leonards)
- Highest number of hot nights were in Chatswood CBD - expected to accommodate 3,500 more residents between 2021 & 2035



Air temperature (T_{air}) recorded at 14:10 hours on 9 December 2023 - a day of extreme heat that followed two very hot days

