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TO NSW PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT
RE EXHIBITION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION, PROPOSED NEW HABITAT AND
ECO-TOURIST FACILITY AT TARONGA ZOO
Application number SSD (7149)

18 April 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

A STATEMENT OF OBJECTION TO PROPOSED ECO-TOURIST FACILITY AT TARONGA ZOO (SSD 7149)

We wish to signal our objection to the proposed eco-tourist facility at Taronga Zoo on the following grounds:

1. The proposed Eco-Tourist facility of 58 rooms and 4 suites – in potential accommodating up to 150 or more people at any one time year round all day and all night – would be a very unwelcome disturbance and burden to the zoo animals and neighbourhood inhabitants. We have lived in Bradleys Head Road for nearly 30 years and during this time the area has become busier and busier with more and more people including more visitor traffic to the zoo.
2. This development, should it go ahead, may set a precedent for more hotels/commercial operations in the area – Athol Hall being a key adjacent site. We say this in full knowledge of recent plans to build a nursing home on nearby Sydney Harbour Federation Trust land at Middle Head, against local residents' objections. Not until radio jock [Alan Jones said 'NO'](#) did the government listen.
3. Conservation, research and education are at the forefront of the [Zoological Parks Board of NSW remit](#): *To develop its research, conservation and education activities including ... The Taronga Training Institute and other associated capabilities.* The zoo's strengths and resources are best placed in these endeavours, not in hotels.

Trusting this proposal will get the 'thumbs down',

Yours faithfully

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