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To: NSW Dept of Planning and Environment
re: Propoised New Habitat and Eco-Tourist Facility at Taronga Zoo, Bradleys Head Road Mosman (SSD 7419)

I object to the proposal for New Habitat and Eco Toursit Facility at Taronga Zoo based on the following reasons:

1. The animals in Taronga Zoo are wild animals in captivity. It is the responsibility of Taronga Zoo to provide a protective and safe environment for their captive animals which should be as close to their natural state as possible.
2. Having so many people (with 58 "motel style" apartments and 4 suites will be a minimum of 150 people, living in permanent structures within the enclosed lands of the Taronga Zoo is an invasion into the animals territory and will cause undue distress to these wild animals. It is very different situation in African wildlife parks where the animals have huge tracks of land and so therefor do not feel so threatened by Eco tourist facilities, and probably would be suitable for Dubbo plains Zoo, but I do not believe it is justified in Mosman.
3. Taronga zoo is on Enclosed Lands, virtually a gated community, and therefore poses serious potential risks and the fire brigades getting access to the area, thereby seriously jeopardising all neighbouring owners properties to potential fire hazards
4. Also as Enclosed Lands having such a huge permanent residential development poses huge risks for Police to have access to keep noise levels down after the same times set for local residents in the area. It is blatantly creating an area where people are probably encouraged to drink alcohol and act in an animal-like fashion This will destroy the quiet amenity of the area FOREVER. disrupting and threatening animals lterritories and potentially also the lives of animals - as well as destroying the ambience of the area FOREVER for the adjoining residents.
5. Due to the slope of the site, the buildings will effectively be 7 stories high, as stated in the report. I find this highly objectionable. This is basically a 2 storey residential area.
6. The NSW State Government, in allowing this kind of development is sending out a clear message to developers NSW is open for business, the new state of business, whatever the new slogan is - it sends a clear message that NSW is open for raping the environment and forget about the Local Government zoning.
7. This development changes FOREVER the headlands which our forefathers had the foresight to set aside for the enjoyment of ALL. THAT is part of the charm of Sydney and WHY tourists keep coming back to Sydney. Tourists can go anywhere and see a built-up environment, canyons of concrete as cold and calculating as developers in their greed.

8. It is the responsibility of Government to allow judicious development, and maintain heritage areas and open spaces for succeeding generations - who will still continue to enjoy the Taronga Zoo. I do not agree with VIVID at Taronga Zoo either - again most distressing to the animals, and really it is not needed.

9. This is part of a 10 year plan for Taronga Zoo. 10 years of building and dirt and dust and disruption to already congested traffic. Of streams of dog trailers and our local roads destroyed and not replaced under State funding because we live in a "blue ribbon" seat.

10. Parking for a minimum of 80 more cars for the people in the Eco Tourist facility, then add the catering and extra staff required to support the much bigger Facility - so at least 120 MORE car spaces as well. This means that every inch of curb side parking will be used up within a radius of 500 metres at least of the Zoo. What will this lead to ? Another ugly parking station like the ghastly monstrosity in Whiting Beach Road? And thanks for the extra parking along Bradleys Head Road - which will now be consumed by construction workers during the next 10 years during the development plan.

11. The timing of this Development - was Mosman Local Council supposed to be disbanded and in disarray to co-incide with forced amalgamations ? Is this an example of what the NSW Government has in store for Sydney's heritage foreshores ? I am becoming very cynical about this state government - This whole amalgamation issue makes the NSW Government appear very totalitarian and personal integrity of "doing the right thing by politicians" has gone out the window

I have not made any donations to any political party in the previous two years, nor would I in the future.

