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**The Hon Anthony Roberts MP
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Dear Hon Anthony Roberts,

Re: Modification 4 to SSD 5093 - M2 site, North Ryde Station Urban Activation Precinct

I object to the above and support the Ryde Mayor, elected Councillors and community members who oppose the unnecessary destruction of trees in the Bundara Reserve that will result in the loss of a significant shale forest and further decimation of the Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest, which is protected under the Commonwealth EBC Act and State threatened species legislation on the following grounds:

1. Bundara Reserve is an important patch of Ryde's Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest. With less than 0.5% left of this type of forest in the Sydney bioregion, it must be preserved for future generations;
2. Modification 4 proposes a significant loss of trees. These are zoned for environmental protection in Ryde's LEP 2014;
3. Some 20 additional trees (this includes a 28-metre high Grey Ironbark as well as a similar sized Blackbutt), much greater in number than was originally proposed and given approval. Note the original approval stated that no trees were to be removed from Bundara Reserve;
4. A number of these landmark trees are being removed for temporary convenience of construction sheds and being sacrificed for no long-term gain;
5. The bridge has been poorly re-designed for its landscape context and eight metres is too wide at the Bundara corner. Removing trees from the reserve because they attract birds, who's poop you fear may damage the paint on their proposed walk bridge is a lame excuse for a poor and substantially more expensive design than originally approved;
6. It defies the Greater Sydney Commission North District Plan which has as one of its priorities to increase the urban tree canopy. Given the impact of Urban Activation Precincts in the area, this is especially important along busy roads like Epping Road, so as to improve amenity and air quality; and
7. The impact of this modification upon the character, visual amenity and biodiversity of Bundara Reserve is unacceptable and irreversible!

In conclusion, yet again we see these projects exhibited over holiday periods, but rest assured community social media and the mainstream media do not rest over Easter when they see more of their urban forests subject to destruction.

Yours sincerely,

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