

Department of Planning and Environment  
NSW Government  
29 March 2018

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

Dear Minister Roberts,

I am a resident of North Ryde and we object to the above Modification to SSD 5093 and ask that it be refused outright. We find it unacceptable that this is on exhibition over Easter.

Modification 4 proposes a significant loss of trees, much greater in number than that originally proposed and given approval. In particular it affects the shale forest in and around Bundara Reserve which is protected under Commonwealth and State threatened species legislation.

From the start of the Lachlan's Line development, Urban Growth was required by the Director General of Planning to assess the biodiversity impacts on Bundara Reserve of the whole development, including the pedestrian bridge.

Supporting environmental assessments to the original application proposed none or minimal disturbance to Bundara Reserve. Now it is proposed to remove 22 trees from Bundara Reserve and adjoining lands all of which are zoned for environmental protection in Ryde's LEP 2014.

Also the cost of the pedestrian bridge seems substantially higher than originally approved.

We do not consider Modification 4 is consistent with the original approval.

We do not consider it is consistent with the newly adopted Greater Sydney Commission's North District Plan which now provides the regional planning framework for development in North Ryde.

One of the North District Plan priorities is the need to **INCREASE** the urban tree canopy not decrease it. This is an important step towards improving amenity and air quality along major roads with Epping Road recognized as one of the North District's busiest.

We ask that Landcom (previously Urban Growth who did the design for the pedestrian bridge) be directed to go back to the "drawing board" on both the bridge's alignment and design and comply with the environmental constraints identified in the original environmental assessment. There is need for consideration of an improved alignment

that both protects the urban tree canopy and provides better access to the cemetery and the future community plaza areas.

Yours sincerely

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Marissa O'Donnell

# PETITION

The Petition of citizens of North Ryde and its surrounds brings to the attention of the House the proposed destruction of endangered shale forest at Bundara Reserve North Ryde. This destruction would be a consequence of modifications by Urban Growth/Landcom to the Delhi Rd pedestrian bridge, an associated project to the Lachlan's Line State Significant Approval 5093. It is proposed to redesign the bridge materials and remove around 22 trees from Bundara and adjoining RMS land which contains protected Sydney Turpentine Forest zoned E2 (Environmental Conservation Zoning) in the Ryde LEP 2014.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to refuse this proposed modification and ensure the bridge is designed and constructed to take account of the surrounding bushland context and protect it. The removal of more trees from North Ryde is not consistent with the priority of the now adopted Greater Sydney Commission North District Plan which aims to increase the urban tree canopy and improve amenity and air quality along busy roads such as Epping Road.

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