

I note with alarm and dismay Modification 4 to SSD 5093 – M2 site, North Ryde Station, Urban Activation Precinct which will result in the destruction of mature trees, including valuable and historic Turpentine, in the Bundarra Reserve\*.

The ongoing reduction of the canopy and green space of Ryde, and indeed Sydney, is relentless and deeply disappointing. Whilst increasing high density housing is apparently unavoidable, with adjoining 'Ryde Gardens' almost completed with 830 apartments on one side and the imminent development of 'Lachlan's Line' with a staggering 2,700 residences on the other, Bundarra Reserve represents the last bastion of natural beauty, visual relief and sanity between these gargantuan future ghettos.

Surely some compromise and consideration for the future must prevail. The proposed wanton destruction of these trees and total disregard for the local ambience must not happen.

The correct decision is not always the easiest nor the most financially beneficial and I ask this government to show some statesmanship and environmental maturity to save this sacrosanct reserve from destruction.

**\*Reserve.** (Macquarie Dictionary) 1. to keep back or save for future use, disposal, treatment, etc. 2. to retain or secure by express stipulation. 4. to set apart for a particular use, purpose, service, etc. *ground reserved for gardening.*