

Department of Planning and Environment

NSW Government

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

Dear Minister Roberts,

I wish to submit my objection to the above Modification to SSD 5093 and ask that it be refused outright.

I am a long-term resident of Ryde having lived in the City for 50 years and having worked in Julius Avenue adjacent to these developments for over 15 years.

The area around the intersection of Delhi Road, Epping Road and M2 has seen extraordinary increase in density of development over the past 5 years and it is vital that the very limited amount of remnant native vegetation that remains be protected.

Modification 4 affects the Sydney Turpentine-Ironbark Forest in and around Bundara Reserve which is protected under Commonwealth and State threatened species legislation. Turpentine Ironbark Margin Forest, is listed as endangered under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995.

The modification proposes a significant loss of trees, much greater in number than that originally proposed and given approval. 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. As stated in the supporting documentation these trees are considered to be of high significance and would typically be required to be retained and protected.

I am particularly concerned about the conservation of native birds in our urban environment and the need to retain the few remaining remnant areas of habitat in our urban area. These remnants are required not only as habitat for resident animals but as corridors to enable movement across the landscape in this case from Lane Cove River NP through very limited native remnants to the Parramatta River valley and further south.

A financial offsetting contribution by Landcom to directly benefit Sydney turpentine-Ironbark Forest in the local area would not adequately offset the removal of existing mature Turpentine-Ironbark trees in a natural habitat.

I request 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.

It is also very disappointing that this important modification was only on exhibition for two weeks and over the Easter period. This severely limits the ability for community to contribute their views regarding the modification.

Yours sincerely

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