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Habitat Network

Department of Planning and Environment

Re: Submission regarding Ivanhoe Estate Redevelopment

This submission relates to the Flora and Fauna along Shrimptons Creek and Epping Road.

Our Habitat Network and volunteers have been working with City of Ryde Council to improve the habitat corridor for our native flora and native fauna along Shrimptons Creek and for the benefit of the ever growing community which uses the pathway along Shrimptons Creek. Council has been doing native replanting along Shrimptons Creek to the north of Ivanhoe Estate and we along with Council have been improving native habitat to the south of Epping Road. This habitat planting requires dense areas of mid-story and under-story vegetation to protect both small birds and lizards from the increasing populations of larger birds and animals such as dogs. We have also been careful to conserve the weedy habitat in use by the remaining populations for small birds.

The areas of bushland along Epping Road between the road and the existing Ivanhoe Estate buildings and also the Optus building and Epping Road were sites for Youth Olympics activities in 2000 which we helped supervise. These areas therefore have a cultural significance and are important for the health of the habitat corridor along Shrimptons Creek providing connections through to remaining vegetation in Macquarie University. The habitat corridor along Shrimptons Creek is disrupted by Macquarie Shopping Centre and therefore relies on these alternate connections through to the Land Cove River valley. The canopy, mid-story and under-story vegetation are all important in these remnants.

These areas of bushland are also important in protecting Ivanhoe Estate from the noise and dirt coming from Epping Road, and will help clean the air within the estate.

We are very much focused on improving small bird habitat along Shrimptons Creek. The few remaining populations of superb fairy-wrens and white-browed scrubwrens along this creekline are reliant on connected dense mid-story and under-story vegetation including the weed infested areas.



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We ask that the bushland areas along Epping Road and the vegetation along the creekline, including the under-story and mid-story vegetation, be protected and conserved. We ask that all habitat in use by the small birds native and weedy be protected and that native habitat along the creekline be augmented. This applies not only to the building construction process, which usually sees areas being clear-felled and then replanted or at best everything under the trees cleared, but also to the planning and construction of any roads. We also urge you to not plan to widen any road access to the south of Epping Road around and over Shrimptons Creek as this is a significant area of habitat for the remaining populations of small birds.

There is mention of utilizing the Biodiversity Offset program for any vegetation lost. This unfortunately will not protect or enhance the bushland and habitat values along Shrimptons Creek.

I would be happy to meet on-site to discuss this further.

Thank you for your consideration.

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