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Attention: Joyce Jiang

Dear General Manager,

RE: Planning Proposal for A Saddle Close, Currans Hill
Ref: PP/2019/1/1

This proposal seeks to amend the Camden Environmental Plan 2010 to provide an additional 11 residential lots on the above-mentioned site by rezoning E4 Environmental Living (approx. 1.2ha) and E2 Environmental Conservation (approx. 0.2ha) to R1 General Residential.

To the east and south of the site are rural landscapes including the Scenic Hills, an important green backdrop and a natural buffer between Camden and Campbelltown. These scenic landscapes are important to Camden's identity and sense of place.

In principle we object to this planning proposal for the following reasons:

- Camden, as does the metropolitan area of Sydney generally, requires more not less environmentally protected land.
- It does not improve and quite possibly would damage liveability and sustainability, which are objectives specifically recognised by the Greater Sydney Commission and Camden Council's draft Local Strategic Planning Statement.

- It is not consistent with the Camden's Community Strategic Plan to retain open space, improve biodiversity and protect scenic landscapes.
- The existing zoning provides an appropriate gentle transition to the adjacent rural land and Scenic Hills and maintains the visual amenity.
- Only remnants of Cumberland Plain Woodland remain and this proposal involves more loss, even if of a small area.
- Any claim that the tree canopy will remain unchanged is not accepted.
- The tree canopy is very unlikely to be increased as is a priority of the green grid proposal of the Greater Sydney Commission.

We ask that Council not support this proposal as we do not believe that it is interests of the community and the future liveability and sustainability of Camden or Greater Western Sydney.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Glenda Davis', written in dark ink.

Glenda Davis
President

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