

# Save Spring Gully

## PROTECT THE ROYAL NATIONAL PARK

We wrote to all candidates for the seat of Heathcote asking:

- Q1 Do you support Sutherland Shire Council's offer of 8.5 hectares of upland swamp and bushland at the south of Spring Gully, Bundeena, for addition to the Royal National Park?
- Q2 Do you support Sutherland Shire Council's recommendation that the former Scout land at Spring Gully be reserved for acquisition and added to the Royal National Park?
- Q3 Do you support the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage recommendation that eco-tourist facilities be removed as a permissible use for the former Scout land because of the large clearings required for bushfire protection?

NB Sutherland Shire Council's recommendations were passed with the support of the Liberal, Labor, Independent and Shire Watch Councillors.

Candidate	Party	Responded	Q1	Q2	Q3
ELAWAAD Ahmed	No Land Tax	No	✗	✗	✗
FALANGA Ula	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)	No	✗	✗	✗
<b>PETTY Greg</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Yes</b>	✓	✓	✓
<b>STUART Maryanne</b>	<b>Labor</b>	<b>Yes</b>	✓	✓	✓
EVANS Lee	Liberal	Yes	✗	✗	✗
<b>WATSON Natasha</b>	<b>The Greens</b>	<b>Yes</b>	✓	✓	✓

Further details on candidates' responses are available at [www.springgully.org/candidates](http://www.springgully.org/candidates)

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## Former Scout Land

### SUTHERLAND SHIRE DRAFT LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN

Council recommends that the land be reserved for acquisition by the NSW Government for addition to the Royal National Park.

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage recommend removing eco-tourist facilities as a permissible use.

Mayor Kent Johns wrote to state members of parliament in December 2014 stating:

*“The environmental constraints affecting the land are such that it has very little development potential.”*

*“The best use of the land would be for it to become part of the Royal National Park so that its ecological values are assured protection.”*

### DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Two development applications were lodged in November 2014 and show 1,500 trees to be cleared along with a bushfire consultant report affecting 3.6 hectares of pristine native vegetation. They are being assessed by Sutherland Shire Council and the RFS. Council states it received 1,200 submissions to the DAs.

### COMMUNITY LAND

This land was marked as a recreation area on the land sale map of The Pacific Waters Estate subdivision of south-east Bundeena in 1963. It was classified as a public place and rate exempt for fifty years under the Local Government Act. The current zoning, under which the land was purchased, is “Special Uses” which allows for uses that meet community needs. The community wants this bio-diverse land and wetland conserved.

## Former Night Soil Depot

Sutherland Shire Council resolved to transfer these 8.5 hectares of upland swamp and bushland into the Royal National Park at its February meeting.

This parcel of land is huge. The existing clearing represents less than 5% of this property.

Council also resolved to transfer the unmade road reserves in Spring Gully into the Royal National Park.

The Minister for the Environment has accepted the addition of this land into the park.



## State Election 2015

Key decisions over the conservation of the former Scout land are now in the hands of the NSW Minister for Planning.

Now is the time to seek a commitment from the NSW Government to the recommendations for the reservation of this land for acquisition and addition to the Royal National Park and the removal of eco-tourist facilities in the draft local environment plan.

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