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The Hon. Lee Evans, MP
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Dear Mr Evans

RE: LOT 3 DP 213924 - 60-70 BOURNEMOUTH STREET, BUNDEENA

I am writing about the proposed sale of this property by Scouts Australia NSW to a private owner who is proposing a so-called "eco-tourism" accommodation development on the site.

The land is 5.6 Ha of pristine bushland adjoining the Royal National Park containing Sydney freshwater wetland, a protected and endangered ecological community, a large area of boodwood mallee, an uninterrupted canopy of angophora woodland with banksia understory and Sydney sandstone gully forest.

The community understands that the purchaser, through representations he has made to the community, is proposing to gain road access via the Royal National Park, build a car park on the adjoining council land, clear the bloodwood mallee on the council owned "Sussex St" unmade road reserve, and that he is proposing to clear one hectare of forest to create an asset protection zone for the one house, shed and six tent sites he is proposing.

The public benefit of this proposal is minimal given that a fully equipped public camping site already operates within the Royal National Park at Bonnie Vale next to the sandy shores of Simpsons Bay, Port Hacking. In contrast, the environmental cost of the proposal is high.

Reference to NPWS bushfire management plans for Spring Gully (2003, 2009), the RFS building code for bushfire prone land and the rationale of the existing zoning and the environmental policies specifically outlined for the property in the Bundeena Maianbar Development Control Plan 2006 would cause a reasonable person to conclude that this land is not suitable for development. Any development, is likely to cause serious environmental degradation, an unacceptable fire risk to people and property, threaten the wellbeing of the wetland and Bundeena floodplain and diminish the amenity of the Royal National Park (subject to nomination for world heritage listing) particularly the entrance to the world famous Coast Walk (an Australian National Landscapes site).

Spring Gully is extremely bushfire prone land and contains many sites of significant aboriginal heritage.

The community asks that you make whatever representations are needed to your government and the Sutherland Shire Council to see that this land is conserved in its current pristine natural state and to ensure that inappropriate development is not attempted on this highly environmentally sensitive land.

Yours faithfully

Name: _____

Signed: _____