

16 September 2015

NSW Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Nava Sedghi, Planning Officer
Metropolitan Region (East)

Dear Ms Sedghi,

Re: Statement of support - Planning Proposal for Bushland Sites

I was part of the project team involved in the zoning review of bushland sites in Mosman between January 2014 and May 2015.

My involvement in the review included:

- Providing advice on the selection of sites for investigation based on Mosman Flora and Fauna Survey 2006-2007, Unmade Road Rapid Assessment Matrix 2013, my knowledge of the sites and local knowledge received from community groups.
- Involvement in regular internal meetings to discuss the sites, develop planning principles and criteria to assess the sites against and ensure they are suitable for rezoning to E2.
- Evaluation of the sites against the criteria.
- Involvement in meetings with Mosman Parks and Bushland Association
- Working with the Urban Planning team to finalise the list of sites to be recommended for rezoning

I have worked for Mosman Council since 2003 with my main role being the operational and strategic management of terrestrial biodiversity. I am suitably qualified to assess the environmental quality and significance of Mosman's bushland sites. My formal qualifications are a Bachelor of Environmental Science and a Master of Science majoring in weed ecology. I also hold a Graduate Diploma in Science majoring in ecology and Certificate II in Bushland Regeneration.

I can confirm that the 16 sites recommended for rezoning from RE1 to E2 contain good quality bushland and remnant vegetation. I fully support the recommendations of the planning proposal and the review which concluded that E2 Environmental Conservation is the most appropriate zoning for the subject sites. I believe that a rezoning to E2 will more accurately reflect the current management of the sites and achieve greater environmental protection.

The recommendations of this review are further supported by data found in the Unmade Road Rapid Assessment Matrix 2013, Mosman Flora and Fauna Survey 2006 - 2007 and Unmade Roads Restoration Strategy 2002.

Yours sincerely



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