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Application Number
DA/426/2024

Application Description
Dwelling House

Lodgement Date
4/04/2024

I am writing regarding the development application proposal mentioned above.

My partner and I are the owners [redacted] Umina Beach.

My partner's parents bought this block of land in 1970 and built the house not long after. The area had many houses built during that time. The area has great appeal to families and nature lovers due to its close proximity to natural bushland and quiet streets. One of the rare areas on the peninsula that is shared with the surrounding native wildlife. Not much has changed in this time and the neighbourhood has retained its history and charm.

Another area that hasn't changed in our neighbourhood is the stormwater and drainage.

I have been in contact with Council on numerous occasions about the overflow from Myola Road to our property. There is a "table drain" running along the Myola Road street side of our property. The council has retrenched this drain only once in at least the last 25 years.

The result is that each time it rains, all the over land water from the properties across the road flows directly into our property.

This has resulted in significant costs to us repairing the damage this causes. The flow is so strong it caused us to have to replace piers on our house which were on a lean due to the force of the water and also replacing fences due to the same issue. We have had to replace our natural grass with artificial turf as the flooding, which is like a river running across the road straight under our house and through our backyard picks up all the debris along the way and destroys natural turf every time it happens.

My issue with the development on 24 Myola Road is both in regard to the nature of the dwelling and the additional water damage to my property from the overflow of stormwater.

- The dwelling doesn't align with the streetscape. There has been no consideration to keep the property in line with existing dwellings in the neighbourhood or to build a house that blends into the block of land. It is more suited to a cleared block of land or a demolition and rebuild.

- The block is vegetated by mature trees and the report is outlining that nearly all will been unnecessarily removed.

- There is no regard for the native animals that frequent the block. The block and vegetation are home and food for numerous birds, bush turkeys, echidnas, and lizards.

- The stormwater runs off directly into [redacted] property. This could have been considered in the planning to run on the other side of the property which would direct the flow down Stella Road instead of to [redacted] property.

I feel that if Council chooses to approve this dwelling there would need to be a significant upgrade to the drainage system for our neighbourhood. We have endured the lack of infrastructure in our neighbourhood for many years and feel that it would be a devastating outcome for our property to have another whole household's overland water being dumped straight [redacted] property. Maybe in the 70's this was acceptable but surely not now.

I hope that these considerations are taken seriously.

Thank you

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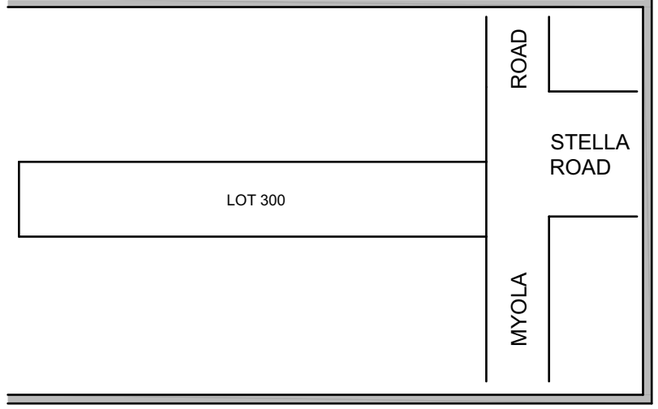
LOCATION PLAN

(NOT TO SCALE)

LATITUDE: -33.526103
LONGITUDE: 151.300434



"ALL BOUNDARIES NOT FENCED UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE "

Source extract:
1. Six maps 16/04/2024
2. Public Stormwater plan 21/01/2024
3. Public survey 22/08/2023

Location Plan/Stormwater plan
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