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As I write this submission opposing the Wahroonga Estate's proposed 200 units,

helicopters are

dumping water onto a bush fire in Canoon Road, South Turramurra and two other bush fires in

South Turramurra. For the past hour and a half, emergency vehicles with sirens have been tearing

up and down The Comenarra Parkway and my heart is in my mouth; worrying about whether we

need to evacuate. The skies are going grey, the wind whips up, dies down, changes direction, smoke

billows, the air is smoky like 100 000 bbqs are operating all at the same time. We are as prepared as

we can be. Could we have done more? Our neighbours have packed their cars, ready to evacuate,

no, scrap that, they have left. Should we go, too? OMG, what else do we need to pack? We think

we should go, too, but will we be contributing to the traffic at the bottleneck that is the intersection

of Fox Valley Road and The Comenarra Parkway? Should we keep it clear so the emergency vehicles

have access? Should we be selfish and get out or be community-spirited and let the emergency

vehicles through?

This is doing my head in. Seventh Day Adventist, are you listening? Do you have eyes and ears and

brains and hearts? How can you in all human decency think of building 200 units and God only

knows what else you have planned that you have not told the community about yet? What are you?

Humans? Or?

The Wahroonga Estate should not be developed any further than it has to this date. What more

reason do you need than what has transpired today? And what transpired in the bush fire in 2006?

What are you going to do, Seventh Day Adventist? Are you going to be selfish, or are you going to

put into practice the teachings of Christ and not merely mouth them? Are you going to

love thy

neighbour?

The Wahroonga Estate needs to be stopped and prevented from further developing anything else. It

is already over-developed.

Note: I was going to write a factual, carefully considered, objective submission marshalling persuasive arguments about why the Wahroonga Estate should not be developed any further than it

already has been. It was going to be non-emotional, objective, factual. Stuff that. When your life,

your home, your family, your pets and your memories are threatened, it is emotional. Nothing gets

more emotional than that. Cease all development on the Wahroonga Estate now.

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