

The Hon Ian Longbottom,
Mayor of Lane Cove

Dear Ian,

Attached is a suggested compromise for Sydney University Rowing Club. Perhaps you might have your planning staff consider it. I do not think the provision of the old shed base for Lane Cove use should be a consideration.

With regards,

Frank

Dear Mayor Longbottom and Councillors,

An environmentally sound compromise for Sydney University Rowing.

This morning I went down to the Burns Bay site of Sydney University's destroyed rowing shed at Linley Park. The site, and the lawn south of this, is strongly affected by the heavy traffic roar of Burns Bay Road. It is not a good park area. Northwards towards Carisbrook House the road rises, and the traffic noise is reduced making this more usable public space.

I then went to Cunninghams Reach Park. Because the park is lower, in spite of very heavy traffic at 7.45am, there was slight traffic noise.

The northern end – the site of Sydney's DA for its rowing shed – is the quietest area under the tall protecting cliff. (Incidentally the cliff bears the plaque placed in 1995 with the names of Councillor Rod Tudge and Denise Tudge commemorating one hundred years of Lane Cove municipality and the restoration of Cunninghams Reach.)

The view of the Lane Cove River northwards from this spot is spectacular...and quite extraordinary to find in the middle of a city of four million people. (I am also reminded that if the public had not protested I would have been looking across at the freeway the RTA wished to build on the river edge of Boronia Park.)

1. The intelligent planning solution for Cunningham's Reach is to leave it as an open public park.

2. And for Sydney University's rowers to encourage them :

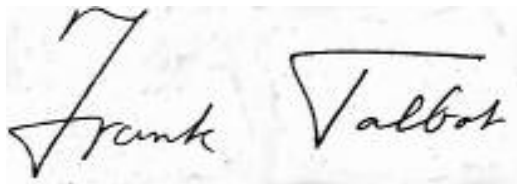
- a) To rebuild their rowing shed over the water on the same footprint and the same height;**
- b) To allow them to extend the shed landwards for increased boat space;**
- c) To allow expanded parking space in Linley Park southward from the entry point into the area badly affected by traffic noise. (Presently used primarily as a walkway to Burns Bay Park which it could still be.)**

A majority of your constituents would accept this compromise.

As I did in the early morning sunshine, I would wish that down the coming years as we increase living density, thousands of people will be able to absorb that striking view on their picnics or walks, and marvel at the careful planning that allowed it to remain.

The alternative, the alienation of the northern half of Cunningham's Reach for a small group of rowers, is environmentally unacceptable.

With respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature consists of the name 'Frank' followed by 'Talbot'. The 'F' is large and stylized, and the 'T' is also large and stylized.

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Subject: Fw: A compromise for Cunninghams Reach

Dear Mr. Rockcliff,

Cunninghams Reach is of huge importance to this community as a public park. It is also of importance to wider Sydney as a good proportion of visitors come from further afield. It is a remarkable gem for a dense (and increasing) local population.

This Development Application by the University of Sydney is seen as an environmental disaster by residents...and deep concern about the University even considering this has been voiced by many. Under no circumstances will any use of the site by single interest groups be acceptable to the public.

I do hope the University will rethink this.

Yours sincerely,

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