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Subject: Cunninghams Reach boat shed - initial comments

Peter,

We are finishing off our comments on the DA for the Sydney uni boat shed.

The matters that we will comment on include:

The proposed development takes up about half the grassy foreshore area for the exclusive use of the club. This will halve the only off leash dog exercise area in Linley Point and could create more conflict between dog owners and picnickers.

There are no community facilities proposed other than the pontoon area which is located on the other side of the building away from the rest of the park out of sight of the park users.

Community facilities such as public toilets were raised in discussions with Sydney Uni. Nothing is shown on the plans for these, other than a note that the services to the development would provide for future Council action.

There are tree protection issues, including some excavation within close proximity to a number of trees shown to be retained. Tree protection measures need to be clearly marked out on a plan.

The proposed service trenches through the park and picnic area will have a significant impact on many of the trees in the park. The trenching will sever the roots of many of the Casuarina trees in the park.

The public use in the park needs to be reviewed. The change to how the park will be used because of the proposal may change how the bush steps at the north of the site will be used. These are rough bush steps but the building may possibly mean more public use so the steps will need to be upgraded.

Boat trailer parking may be a problem, taking up existing car parking places and putting pressure on Council to provide more parking taking up further of the park area.

The service trenches running around the loop road - there are many soft edges here when vehicle tyres run over the grass. The trenches may make this problem worse.

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