

Dear Councillor

## **WALLSEND AND REZONING - OBJECTION**

I am extremely concerned and **totally object** to the rezoning of LOCATION: Glendale and Wallsend extending to Minmi, REZONING •570-592 hectares overall assumed to be rezoned to R2 Low Density Residential to Eden Estates. This potential development will have impacts on connectivity/threatened species and their essential habitat. **This is the last piece of intact bushland in the Newcastle LGA. It is actually worth saving for this reason alone. Once it's gone it's gone forever.** This forested area is a real asset for the people of Newcastle in a world where people need to restore in natural environs and to protect bushland for our climate and for the animals that call them home who are under great pressure already from habitat destruction and bushfires.

The preliminary Biodiversity Impact Statement from consultants Anderson Environment and Planning has listed and assessed the quality of the vegetation types present on site and additionally listed and surveyed the threatened species to inhabit the site **with more species yet to be surveyed.**

### **Threatened species surveyed and present at the site so far are as follows:**

Glossy Black-Cockatoo Vulnerable  
Hieraaetus morphnoides Little Eagle Vulnerable  
Lophoictinia isura Square-tailed Kite Vulnerable  
Miniopterus australis Little Bent-winged Bat Vulnerable  
Miniopterus orianae oceanensis Large Bent-winged Bat Vulnerable  
Myotis macropus Southern Myotis Vulnerable  
Ninox strenua Powerful Owl Vulnerable  
Petaurus norfolcensis Squirrel Glider Vulnerable  
Pteropus poliocephalus Grey-headed Flying-fox Vulnerable  
Tyto novaehollandiae Masked Owl Vulnerable  
Flora Callistemon linearifolius Netted Bottle Brush Vulnerable  
Eucalyptus glaucina Slaty Red Gum Vulnerable  
Grevillea parviflora subsp. parviflora Small-flower Grevillea Vulnerable  
Rhodamnia rubescens Scrub Turpentine Critically Endangered  
Tetratheca juncea Black-eyed Susan Vulnerable

### **Ettalong Lagoon has habitat value for birdlife as follows:**

#### **Offset site: Ellalong Lagoon**

\* 406 hectares of significant woodland and wetland habitat (including for the endangered Regent Honeyeater and Swift Parrot) formerly held by Port Waratah Coal Service as an offset for T4

\* The Ellalong Residents' Wetlands Protection Group and BirdLife Australia have called for the site to be conserved in perpetuity due to its high habitat values

\* Ellalong Lagoon was purchase by Eden Estates in mid-July as an offset

I urge you and all Newcastle councillors **not to approve** the rezoning of this last remnant of bushland.

Kind regards