

# SAVE CURRAWONG



**Unions NSW are selling Currawong, the idyllic workers' holiday retreat on Pittwater to developers, Eco Villages, for \$15 million. So far, only a deposit has been paid. However, rezoning and subdivision plans have already been submitted, which, if approved by the Planning Minister, will see the public excluded from Currawong as it is turned into an exclusive enclave for the wealthy.**

## **THE PROPOSAL**

- 34 privately owned blocks
- 24 new homes up to 12 metres or four storeys in height
- 9 Heritage listed cabins to be redeveloped to up to twice their current size and height and sold to individuals
- "refurbishment" of the Heritage listed original farmhouse, "Midholme"

## **PLUS**

- 25 metre swimming pool
- A 10 metre children's pool
- A gymnasium

## **THE CONSEQUENCES OF DEVELOPMENT ON CURRAWONG**

The destruction of a unique, iconic site, wholly recommended for Heritage listing in 2007.

Damaging environmental impacts on the landscape, bushland, wildlife, sea grass and National Park.

The loss of the only affordable family accommodation on Pittwater. The Basin is crowded every weekend.

Currawong offers a one-off chance to provide another magnificent public recreation area on Pittwater.

The opportunity to preserve this beautiful site would be gone forever.

**Total development: at least ten times the current building footprint.**

## IMPACTS ON LOCAL COMMUNITY

New residents parking their cars at the already chronically overcrowded public car parks at Palm Beach and Church Point.

Massively increased boat and barge traffic between Currawong and the mainland at Church Point and Palm Beach.

## POSSIBLE LONG TERM IMPACTS

A road through Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park.

A marina and jetties to accommodate residents' commuter boats, yachts and cruisers.

# WHO DECIDES THE FUTURE OF CURRAWONG?

Recent changes to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act have given extraordinary powers to the Planning Minister to override local councils and communities and ignore expert advice. The Planning Minister, previously Frank Sartor, but now Kristina Keneally and Kristina Keneally alone will decide the fate of Currawong.

Over 400 people have made submissions opposing the development and destruction of Currawong.

- The people have spoken
- The NSW Heritage Council has spoken
- Experts in planning, architecture, heritage and ecology have spoken
- They all agree – Currawong belongs to the people and should be preserved, forever

**So, why is the Government not listening?**

## SHOW YOU CARE

- Join Friends of Currawong online at [www.friendsofcurrawong.com](http://www.friendsofcurrawong.com)
- Write to our new Premier, Nathan Rees, asking him and his Government to acquire Currawong for the people of NSW.

# COME TO

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## THE RALLY AGAINST INAPPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT

at Hyde Park near St James station at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday, October 19.

Hear Jack Munday and speakers from Friends of Currawong and other NSW community groups who are fed up with development which is threatening our coastline and destroying our bushland, heritage and communities.

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