The Secretary
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Public Works
Parliament House
Canberra

Dear Sir/Madam

THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENTOF THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF POLICE MANAGEMENT SITE, COLLINS BEACH ROAD, SPRING COVER, MANLY SYDNEY

I write to protest the proposed redevelopment on the above mention site. I am a resident of Manly and really object to the continual and continuous development of North Head. The residents' arguments hold especial weight as the site has been recently listed as a National Heritage site.

It may be that the plight of Fairy penguins (the most northerly breeding colony), longnosed bandicoots (now endangered as a colony) and the links of the area to Sydney's very early history is held in little regard alongside the possibility of expected monetary returns from such a redevelopment. But to me it is another step towards the annihilation of a very important area for everyone who wants to see and enjoy the Sydney environment.

Why is it that a few people are allowed to wreck havoc on such beautiful places which is available to everyone?

I have little faith in this (or any other submission) doing much good. After all the committee can only make recommendations. But I do urge you and members of the committee to help in keeping something of the natural Sydney environment intact for many more people to enjoy.

Yours sincerely

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