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As I write this submission opposing the Wahroonga Estate's proposed 200 units, helicopters are dumping water onto a bush fire in Canoon Road, South Turrumurra and two other bush fires in South Turrumurra. For the past hour and a half, emergency vehicles with sirens have been tearing up and down The Comenarra Parkway and my heart is in my mouth; worrying about whether we need to evacuate. The skies are going grey, the wind whips up, dies down, changes direction, smoke billows, the air is smoky like 100 000 bbqs are operating all at the same time. We are as prepared as we can be. Could we have done more? Our neighbours have packed their cars, ready to evacuate, no, scrap that, they have left. Should we go, too? OMG, what else do we need to pack? We think we should go, too, but will we be contributing to the traffic at the bottleneck that is the intersection of Fox Valley Road and The Comenarra Parkway? Should we keep it clear so the emergency vehicles have access? Should we be selfish and get out or be community-spirited and let the emergency vehicles through?

This is doing my head in. Seventh Day Adventist, are you listening? Do you have eyes and ears and brains and hearts? How can you in all human decency think of building 200 units and God only knows what else you have planned that you have not told the community about yet? What are you? Humans? Or?

The Wahroonga Estate should not be developed any further than it has to this date. What more reason do you need than what has transpired today? And what transpired in the bush fire in 2006? What are you going to do, Seventh Day Adventist? Are you going to be selfish, or are you going to put into practice the teachings of Christ and not merely mouth them? Are you going to love thy neighbour?

The Wahroonga Estate needs to be stopped and prevented from further developing anything else. It is already over-developed.

Note: I was going to write a factual, carefully considered, objective submission marshalling persuasive arguments about why the Wahroonga Estate should not be developed any further than it already has been. It was going to be non-emotional, objective, factual. Stuff that. When your life, your home, your family, your pets and your memories are threatened, it is emotional. Nothing gets more emotional than that. Cease all development on the Wahroonga Estate **now**.

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