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Submission on Proposed Redevelopment of AIPM sit at Spring Cove, Manly, NSW

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There will be many well argued and detailed submissions made with regard to the redelopment of the site occupied by The Australian institute of Police Management at Spring Cove, Manly.

This submission of ours will be very short, and simply puts forward our personal concerns at any cosideration of an extension to activities or buildings at Spring Cove, which is presently one of the most unique locations in Sydney Harbour. It manages to be a little bit of paradise just inside Sydney heads, and is so close to the main part of the harbour that visitors - either walkers or boaties - are amazed it can have retained its natural beauty.

If one stands at the end of Stuart Steet and looks across Spring Cove, one notices the AIPM buidings, but they are not dominant in size or colour, so while they detract from the otherwise very natural area, they are quite tolerable. When one looks at the AIPM, one does, in fact feel that the occupants are very lucky to have occupied such a site and remained there for so long.

The idea that these buidings should be increased in size and prominence, and the site obviously then used more extensively, gives one a feeling that this would be an unforgiveable intrusion into the wonderfully preserved natural beauty of this part of North Head.

I would urge Standing Committee members to stand at the end of Stuart Street to enjoy the wonderful view that presently exists, and also to canoe or kayak into Spring Cove - and wonder at the fact that such an almost pristine area is so easily reachable by Sydney residents and visitors. To then imagine that this is the area being considered for increased usage and larger buildings, is amost beyond comprehension

I am sure others will point out that there must be many far more practical sites for the AIPM to use, where there would be larger areas for their activities, and better access from many other parts of Sydney.

Please do not allow any further redevelopment of this endangered area to occur. A simple visit to the St Patrick's Estate building site on North Head will provide plenty of evidence of the pressures at play to redevelop North Head, and the damage that occurs. We must be very clear in our determenation to retain the rare places of utter natural beauty that still exist for us.

Yours Sincerely. Roy and Diane Deane.