

26/09/2020

Re: Development Application No. 58957/2020

Dear Mr Nicolas Appleby,

At the outset, I want to let you know at that I am NOT obstructive to the building of the swimming pool at 12 Sumner circuit, Terrigal. I am a strong believer in good will, trust and friendliness among neighbours of a community that we live in. I just want to ensure that there is no damage or compromise to my property present or in the future.

I want to mention this in reference to the damage caused to my backyard property and swimming pool during the severe weather event in the 1st week of February 2020. There was excessive un natural run off of surface water into my property during that instance.

At that time it appears that the Montgomery site had a rear boundary sediment barrier which appears to have been compromised (possibly due to the severe weather event). This was inundated with sediment build up (as per photos taken by me) thus creating a small mound of soil which then appeared to have caused stormwater to divert to the lowest point of the rear boundary fence (rear left corner). This section of fence is the corner section of the back fence for number 16 Reginald Drive, Terrigal. The scouring seen on the photos (from the Montgomery site down to number 16 Reginald) shows the flow of water that that has originated from the back of the brick wall of lot 108 (Montgomery site).

This had happened despite installing a significant amount of drainage work into our landscaping, retaining walls, paths. There are small pits, grate drains and even a small dry creek bed type swale installed within the rear landscaping.

This caused significant damage to our property and we had to spend significant amount of money in resurrection of our backyard and pool. This also caused us significant stress on our wellbeing and mental health.

At that time, I had addressed this to Montgomery builders – through site supervisor Mr Andrew and also to Mr John Parkinson of city plan certification at that time, with NO help or support.

All I want to ensure is that enough steps and measures are taken by the pool builders to mitigate the stormwater run-off into our property in the future.

Attached is the pictures taken during that time/incident.

Thanks for your help and support.

Kind regards,

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