

## **APPENDIX 2 119 – 133 Twynam Street and 69-71 Letitia Street, Katoomba.**

The Society fully supports the mapping of scheduled vegetation (*Oreades Tall Open Forest*) and the E2 zoning on 119 – 133 Twynam Street.

*E. Oreades Tall Open Forest* has a restricted distribution in the Upper Mountains and is in decline. The land forms the Upper Water Catchment to Katoomba Creek which is negatively impacted by properties downstream.

The Society, along with local residents, are concerned that not all the scheduled vegetation in the following lots is protected with an E2 zoning. The Society is concerned that the E2 zoning has not been applied over the entire vegetation community on the following lots

- a) 119 - 133 Twynam St
- b) 69 – 71 Letitia Street,
- c) 2 adjacent blocks in Letitia Street and
- d) the western end of Letitia Street which is undeveloped.

Habitat loss for native fauna will continue with any loss of *E. Oreades Tall Open Forest*. According to a 2007 Survey, *The Fauna of the Blue Mountains Special Areas*, a large diversity of fauna were identified in the Katoomba Special Area & 1 km surrounds (Appendix A), which includes the land under discussion. Any loss of *E. Oreades Tall Open Forest* is a threat to fauna, particularly listed threatened species, in the Katoomba Special Area and its surrounds.

The Society also requests that Council consider consolidating all the Council owned land in Twynam and Letitia Streets into a single Council managed bushland reserve aimed at conserving *E. Oreades Tall Open Forest*.

### **121 Twynam Street**

The main and best part of *E. Oreades Tall Open Forest* community is on 121 Twynam Street. A DA has been approved for this property, which will destroy the best part of this vegetation community as it will involve a long road through the road reserve to the house, the house itself, the bushfire protection zone and the infrastructure related to the dwelling. When the DA was being considered the Society made a number of submissions, opposing development consent given the conservation significance of the property.

In LEP 2013, 43% of 121 Twynam St was stated as being riparian protected land. However, this appears to have been removed from the mapping in the draft Amendment. This land has a fern understorey and is very wet with permanent water seepage into the street water channel. Any loss of this scheduled vegetation community will impact negatively on the hydrology, turning water seepage that supports swamp vegetation on lower slopes into faster flowing storm water with nutrients, weed seeds etc.

The Society asks that Council maximises the protection of *E. Oreades Tall Open Forest* on 121 Twynam Street by: reviewing the vegetation mapping and ensuring all extant *E. Oreades Tall Open Forest* is mapped; and monitoring the conditions of development consent and ensuring all conditions are strictly met, including maximising the retention of vegetation.