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School Infrastructure NSW
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Attn: Alfred Jury

By Email: Tarini.Pathak@turntown.com

Dear Alfred,

RE: SSDA - RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS

In relation to the submitted responses to the SSDA application for the associated works to North Sydney Public School, we provide the following notes.

The design has been carefully considered to minimise the impact on existing site vegetation. The proposed works consider the existing canopy trees on site and endeavours to retain as many trees as possible.

In accordance with SINSW requirements surrounding canopy cover, the design promotes a replenishment tree strategy which will provide an overall increase to canopy cover across the site providing shade to outdoor play areas. Further consideration to the necessity of sun protection has been achieved through the retention of existing shade sails adjacent to Building A and the inclusion of a new covered outdoor learning area in the central courtyard.

The building footprint is sympathetic to the site's existing trees and has been resolved to minimise impacts to existing canopy trees. Where trees have had to be removed, consideration has been given to ensure that the majority of these trees impacted are deemed of low significance.

The proposal acknowledges the necessary removal of 16 trees from site, of which, 9 are deemed as low significance, a further 4 which are described as low-medium significance, with 3 trees nominated as medium-high significance as outlined in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment, dated 25/08/2021 prepared by Arboreport. It is noted that their retention is not feasible given their location in the proposed building footprint. It is also noted that the total number of trees to be removed has been consistent with the previous SDRP presentation.

The landscape plans indicate 20 new endemic trees species will be planted as replenishment planting. This replenishment planting will provide the site with an increase of site canopy cover from 32% to 33% of the site area.

To further minimise the impact of tree removal, the plans also nominate a generous pot size of 100L for new trees which exceeds the arborist recommendation of 25L.

Conscious of the role canopy trees play in offsetting building scale, replenishment planting including additional canopy trees has been included to the Bay Road frontage and to enhance the green buffer between the road and the built form.

It is noted that tree protection measures shall be followed in accordance with the Arboricultural Impact Assessment, prepared by Arboreport to ensure the protection of existing vegetation during construction.

Yours faithfully,

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