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Executive Summary

This Arboricultural Impact Appraisal and Method Statement (arborist report) has been prepared by Naturally Trees to accompany a detailed State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for the redevelopment of the Sky Safari at Taronga Zoo. The site is legally described as Lot 22 on Deposited Plan 843294 and is Crown Land managed by the Taronga Conservation Society Australia (TSCA).

This report has been prepared to address the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) issued for the project (SSD-46807958). This report concludes that the proposed sky safari development is suitable and warrants approval subject to the implementation of the following mitigation measures:

- Installation and certification of tree protection measures.
- Supervision of any works within Tree Protection Zones (TPZ's)
- Assessment of preparation of tree pruning specifications if necessary.
- Assessment and certification of tree health and tree protection post construction and implementation of any remediation measures if needed.

Following the implementation of the above mitigation measures, the remaining impacts are appropriate.

Introduction

This report has been prepared to accompany an SSDA for the redevelopment of the Sky Safari at Taronga Zoo, which is legally described as Lot 22 on Deposited Plan 843294.

Taronga Conservation Society Australia is a a statutory body representing the Crown. The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, or their delegate, is the consent authority for the SSDA and this application is lodged with the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (**DPHI**) for assessment as the works are located within the Taronga Zoo site and have an estimated development cost that exceeds the \$10 million threshold pursuant to Clause 2(h) of Schedule 2 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021.*

This report has been prepared in response to the requirements contained within the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) dated 11 August 2022 and issued for the SSD- 46807958. Specifically, this report has been prepared to respond to the SEARs requirement issued below.



ltem	Description of requirement	Section reference
1.Statutory Context	Address all relevant legislation, environmental planning instruments (EPIs) (including drafts), plans, policies and guidelines.	Refer to Section 1
	Identify compliance with applicable development standards and provide a detailed justification for any non-compliances.	Refer to Section 3.2.2

The SSDA was placed on public exhibition for 28 days between 24 September to 22 October 2024. Since lodgement, the project team have refined the proposal to address comments from public agencies and the public as well as ongoing design development. The proposed refinements include updates to the Top and Lower Stations to improve queuing and visitor experience and the pylon design to reflect inputs from the cable car contractor.

Site Description

Taronga Zoo is located at Bradleys Head Road, Mosman and is situated in the Mosman Local Government area (LGA) and on Cammeraygal Country. The site is bounded by Bradleys Head Road to the east, Athol Wharf Road and Sydney Harbour to the south, Little Sirius Cove to the west and Whiting Beach Road to the north. Taronga Zoo is legally described as Lot 22 on DP843294 and is Crown Land managed by the TCSA (the Zoological Park Board). Taronga Zoo has been subject to numerous upgrades and redevelopment schemes over time, to stay compliant with contemporary regulations, meet contemporary animal welfare and contemporary visitor experience expectations.

Taronga Zoo has evolved over time from a Zoo that simply provides the traditional visitor experience of viewing animals in exhibits, to a Zoo that focusses on wildlife conservation, animal welfare and providing a range of visitor learning experiences. Taronga Zoo is one of Australia's most popular attractions, and together with Taronga Western Plains Zoo hosts more than 1.8 million visitors annually.

Description of Former Sky Safari.

The Sky Safari was an ageing asset within the Zoo and was retired on 31 January 2023. The former Sky Safari route is a lineal route of 450 meters with each one-way journey taking approximately 4 minutes. The retired Sky Safari utilised 9 pylons.



Access to the retired Sky Safari was open to all Zoo visitors generally between the hours of 9.30am – 4.15pm as well as on special occasions such as VIVID or to transport guest to conference facilities. The majority of trips were one way from the Lower Station near the Taronga Zoo Ferry Wharf as they entered the Zoo or from the Top Station near the Top Plaza (Main Entrance) as they exited the Zoo. The former Sky Safari cable cars had a maximum capacity of six guests and could accommodate wheelchairs up to a width of 610mm but prams or wheelchairs which did not fold could not be transported given the size restraints.

Project Description

Taronga Zoo is one of Australia's most popular attractions, and together with Taronga Western Plains Zoo hosts more than 1.8 million visitors annually. The Zoo has evolved over time from a Zoo that simply provides the traditional visitor experience of viewing animals in exhibits, to a Zoo that focusses on wildlife conservation, animal welfare and providing a range of visitor learning experiences. Within Taronga Zoo, the Sky Safari is one of Taronga's most loved experiences and has transported more than 20 million passengers since it was first installed in 1987 and upgraded in 2000. The former Sky Safari was an ageing asset and was formally retired in January 2023. The redevelopment of the existing Sky Safari will allow the Zoo to update the now obsolete infrastructure on site and provide new facilities which improve accessibility, ease increased demand and assist the public in moving around the Zoo.

Upgraded Experience

The reimagined cable car experience introduces approximately 20-25new cable cars that are accessible to visitors with prams and larger wheelchairs, to ensure all visitors to the zoo have a safe and dignified experience in utilising the Sky Safari. The new cable cars are also larger in capacity than existing cable cars to meet current and future visitor demand to visit the Zoo.

The infrastructure associated with the cable cars will incorporate approximately 6 pylon towers (previously 9 pylon towers with the retired Sky Safari) ranging in height from 5.9 m to 36.5m. The route itself has been carefully located to minimise impact on remnant bushland, existing trees and the archaeological and built heritage as well as scenic values of the Zoo.

Overall, the route of the upgraded Sky Safari maintains the existing footprint of the Sky Safari, however, will require the cable car corridor to increase from 9m to 12.5m.



Cable Car Stations

A new station is proposed at each end of the new cable car route allowing for visitors to enter and exit at both the top and bottom of the Zoo site.

Top Station is proposed to replace the existing storage facility adjacent to the Main Entrance Plaza. The new station will provide Zoo guests with direct access to the Sky Safari via the existing Main Entrance Plaza. The station provides covered queuing within the heritage building and associated landscaping and shading provided in the plaza space.

Lower Station is proposed to replace the existing lower station near the Taronga Ferry Wharf. The station aims to improve existing queuing on site by incorporating fully equitable queuing areas with shade and amenity in order to enhance the visitor's arrival experience. The Lower Station will have improved accessibility through the new ramping system up to the station which will make the station easily accessible for those in wheelchairs and with prams. In addition, level access into the station when re-queuing to use the cable car to go back to the Top Station, removing the existing stairs. A lift will also be provided to access the platform if required by guests. The station will also be supplemented with toilet amenities and a ticketing booth.

There are six pylons, one located at each station (top and lower) and four within zoo. There are no pylons outside of the Zoo grounds.

 Pylon 1 (5.9 m)
 – located in close proximity to the existing and proposed Lower Station.

Pylon 2 (10.12 m) – located by existing Pylon 2;

Pylon 3 (26.2m) - located by the Food Court;

■Pylon 4 (35.70 m) – in front of the Savannah toilet facilities;

Pylon 5 (36.5 m) – located to the north of the Helmore lawns; and

Pylon 6 (6.5m)– located in close proximity to the existing and proposed Top station.

Hours of Operation

The Zoo is currently in operation 24/7. It is intended that the Sky Safari will continue to operate within the following indicative hours to activate the site and create a new immersive experience to educate visitors on the work of the TSCA. These hours fluctuate from time to time:

Indicative Sunrise & Early Morning Sessions

- -Daylight savings (AEDT): 6:00am to 9:30am
- -Non-daylight savings (AEST): 5:00am to 9:30am

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Zoo Operating Period

-9:30am to 5:00pm (September to April)

-9:30am to 4:30pm (May to August)

Indicative Sunset & Twilight Sessions

-Daylight savings (AEDT): 5:00pm to 9:00pm

-Non-daylight savings (AEST): 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Indicative Special Events (ie. Vivid): 5:00pm to 12:00am

To meet safety standards, and comply with manufacturer specifications, commissioning, and maintenance will occur between 6:00pm – 6:00am.





Summary

The proposed development is to demolish the existing cable car and stations and replace it with a new pylons and stations. I have inspected all the trees that could be affected and list their details in Appendix 2. Based on this information, I provided guidance to project architect on the constraints these trees impose on the use of the site.

Thirteen high category trees and forty-nine low category trees will be lost because of this proposal. However, eighteen of the low category trees are exempt from Mosman Council's Urban Forest Management Policy and the surrounding significant tree cover will ensure there is little impact on the wider setting. A comprehensive landscaping scheme to mitigate these losses is proposed that will include the planting of new trees at a replacement ratio of 2:1 for all trees removed.

The proposed changes may adversely affect a further one hundred and one high category trees and eleven low category trees if appropriate protective measures are not taken. However, if adequate precautions to protect the retained trees are specified and implemented through the arboricultural method statement included in this report, the development proposal will have little impact on the contribution of trees to local amenity or character.



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 **Instruction:** I am instructed by Taronga Conservation Society Australia (TCSA) to inspect the tree population at Bradleys Head Road, Mosman and to provide an arboricultural report to accompany a State Significant Development Application. This report investigates the impact of the proposed redevelopment of the Sky Safari on trees and provides the following guidelines for appropriate tree management and protective measures:
 - a schedule of the relevant trees to include basic data and a condition assessment;
 - an appraisal of the impact of the proposal on trees and any resulting impact that has on local character and amenity;
 - a preliminary arboricultural method statement setting out appropriate protective measures and management for trees to be retained
- 1.2 **Purpose of this report**: This report provides an analysis of the impact of the development proposal on trees with additional guidance on appropriate management and protective measures. Its primary purpose is for the planning panel to review the tree information in support of the planning submission and use as the basis for issuing a planning consent or engaging in further discussions towards that end. Within this planning process, it will be available for inspection by people other than tree experts, so the information is presented to be helpful to those without a detailed knowledge of the subject.
- 1.3 **Qualifications and experience:** I have based this report on my site observations and the provided information, and I have come to conclusions in the light of my experience. I have experience and qualifications in arboriculture and include a summary in Appendix 1.
- 1.4 **Documents and information provided:** Taronga Conservation Society Australia provided me with copies of the following documents:
 - Survey Plan, Dwg No. AU213014745-DT-002-C, by RPS Australia East Pty Ltd dated 24 May 2024;
 - Site Plan, Dwg No. AD-CD01-001 (Revision C), by Studio SC dated 17 January 2025; and
 - Proposed Pylon & Route Section, Dwg No. AD-SSD-1302 (Revision E), by Studio SC dated 24 January 2025.
- 1.5 **Scope of this report:** This report is only concerned with one hundred and seventy-four trees located within proximity to the proposed works. It takes no account of other trees, shrubs or groundcovers within the site unless stated otherwise. It includes a preliminary assessment based on the site visit and the documents provided, listed in 1.4 above.



2. THE LAYOUT DESIGN

2.1 **Tree AZ method of tree assessment:** The TreeAZ assessment method determines the worthiness of trees in the planning process. TreeAZ is based on a systematic method of assessing whether individual trees are important and how much weight they should be given in management considerations. Simplistically, trees assessed as potentially important are categorised as 'A' and those assessed as less important are categorised as 'Z'. Further explanation of TreeAZ can be found in Appendix 3.

In the context of new development, all the Z trees are discounted as a material constraint in layout design. All the A trees are potentially important and they dictate the design constraints. This relatively simple constraints information is suitable for use by the architect to optimise the retention of the best trees in the context of other material considerations.

2.2 Site visit and collection of data

- 2.2.1 **Site visit:** I carried out an unaccompanied site visit on 28 May 2024, 9 July 2024 and 4 February 2025. All my observations were from ground level and I estimated all dimensions unless otherwise indicated. Aerial inspections, root or soil analysis, exploratory root trenching and internal diagnostic testing was not undertaken as part of this assessment. The weather at the time of inspection was clear and dry with good visibility.
- 2.2.2 **Brief site description:** Bradleys Head Road is located in the residential suburb of Mosman (refer figure 1). The site is on the western side of the road and surrounded by residential development to the north of the site. The property consists of the Taronga Zoo precinct. A variety of ornamental, coniferous and indigenous trees are scattered throughout the site and around the site boundaries.



Figure 1: The location of the subject site (www.googlemaps.com).



- 2.2.3 **Collection of basic data:** I inspected each tree and have collected information on species, height, diameter, maturity and potential for contribution to amenity in a development context. I have recorded this information in the tree schedule included, with explanatory notes, in Appendix 2. Each tree was then allocated to one of four categories (AA, A, Z or ZZ), which reflected its suitability as a material constraint on development.
- 2.2.4 **Identification and location of the trees:** I have illustrated the locations of the significant trees on the Tree Management Plan (Plan TMP01) included as Appendix 9. This plan is for illustrative purposes only and it should not be used for directly scaling measurements.
- 2.2.5 Advanced interpretation of data: Australian Standard *Protection of trees on development sites* (AS4970-2009), recommends that the trunk diameter measurement for each tree is used to calculate the tree protection zone (TPZ), which can then be interpreted to identify the design constraints and, once a layout has been consented, the exclusion zone is to be protected by barriers.
- 2.3 **The use of the tree information in layout design:** Following my inspection of the trees, the information listed in Appendix 2 was used to provide constraints guidance based on the locations of all the A trees. All the Z trees were discounted because they were not considered worthy of being a material constraint. This guidance identified two zones of constraint based on the following considerations:
 - The tree protection zone (TPZ) is an area where ground disturbance must be carefully controlled. The TPZ was established according to the recommendations set out in AS4970-2009 and is the radial offset distance of twelve (x12) times the trunk diameter. In principle, a maximum encroachment of 10% is acceptable within the TPZ and a high level of care is needed during any activities that are authorised within it if important trees are to be successfully retained.
 - The structural root zone (SRZ) is a radial distance from the centre of a tree's trunk, where it is likely that structural, woody roots would be encountered. The distance is calculated on trunk flare diameter at ground level. The SRZ may also be influenced by natural or built structures, such as rocks and footings. The SRZ only needs to be calculated when major encroachment (>10%) into a TPZ is proposed.



3. ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT APPRAISAL

3.1 **Summary of the impact on trees:** I have assessed the impact of the proposal on trees by the extent of disturbance in TPZs and the encroachment of structures into the SRZ (as set out briefly in 2.3 above and more extensively in Appendix 2). All the trees that may be affected by the development proposal are listed in Table 1

Impact	Reason	Importa	int trees	Unimportant trees			
•		AA	Α	Z	ZZ		
Retained trees that may be affected through disturbance to TPZs	Removal of existing surfacing/structures/ landscaping and/or installation of new surfacing/structures/ landscaping	total	total 93	total	total		
Trees to be removed	Civil and construction and/or level variations within TPZ		total 13	total 41	total		

Table 1: Summary of existing trees and trees that may be affected by development

3.2 **Detailed impact appraisal**

- 3.2.1 **Category A trees to be lost:** The proposed development will necessitate the removal of thirteen high category trees (Trees 10, 179, 180, 181, 468, 473, 552, 911, 919, 922, 928, 949 and 960). These trees are considered moderate to high significance and display good health and condition. In order to compensate for loss of amenity, consideration should be given to replacement planting within the site. Specifically, a replacement of trees is proposed at a ratio of 2:1 for <u>all</u> trees to be removed.
- 3.2.2 Category AA and A trees that could potentially be adversely affected through TPZ disturbance: One hundred and one category A and AA trees could potentially be adversely affected through disturbance to their TPZs as follows:
 - <u>Trees 35 and 36</u>: These are very important trees with a high potential to contribute to amenity so any adverse impacts on them should be minimised. The bulk civil works remain outside the TPZ of these trees and is not expected to have any direct impact. The upper canopy of these trees will likely require trimming to accommodate the new cable car access. It is difficult to determine the actual amount of pruning required but is expected to be minimal. I have reviewed the situation carefully and my experience is that these trees could be successfully retained without any adverse effects if appropriate protective measures are properly specified and controlled through a detailed arboricultural method statement.

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- <u>Trees 156, 352, 353, 477, 478, 553, 556 and 980</u>: These are important trees with a high potential to contribute to amenity so any adverse impacts on them should be minimised. The proposed works will come close to these trees and may cause harm if not carried out with care. However, I have reviewed the situation carefully and my experience is that these trees could be successfully retained without any adverse effects if appropriate protective measures are properly specified and controlled through a detailed arboricultural method statement.
- <u>Remaining AA and A Trees</u>: The remaining AA and A category trees remain largely outside the proposed works zone and could be successfully retained without any adverse effects if appropriate protective measures are properly specified and controlled through a detailed arboricultural method statement.
- 3.2.3 Low category trees to be retained: Trees 13, 39, 113, 553, 554, 941, 943, 944, 946, 962 and 963 could be successfully retained without any adverse effects if appropriate protective measures are properly specified and controlled through a detailed arboricultural method statement.
- 3.2.4 Low category trees to be removed: The proposed development will necessitate the removal of forty-nine trees of low and very low retention value. These include Trees 472, 902, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 912, 914, 915, 916, 917, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 947, 948, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 957, 958, 959, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 981, 982 and 990.

None of these trees are considered significant or worthy of special measures to ensure their preservation. It should be noted that Trees 902, 914, 915, 926, 932, 934, 936, 937, 939, 947, 948, 950, 953, 954, 955, 958, 969 and 990 are exempt from Mosman Council's Urban Forest Management Policy.

3.3 **Proposals to mitigate any impact**

- 3.3.1 **Protection of retained trees:** The successful retention of trees within the site will depend on the quality of the protection and the administrative procedures to ensure protective measures remain in place throughout the development. An effective way of doing this is through an arboricultural method statement that can be specifically referred to in the planning condition. An arboricultural method statement for this site is set out in detail in Section 4.
- 3.3.2 **New planting:** In the context of the loss of trees, a comprehensive new landscaping scheme is proposed including semi-mature trees to be planted within available areas in prominent locations. The new trees should have the potential to reach a significant height without excessive inconvenience and be sustainable into the long term, significantly improving the potential of the site to contribute to local amenity and character.

The following table is a list of smaller tree species that would be suitable for use near new or existing structure:

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Botanical Name	Common Name	Height (m)
Angophora bakeri	Narrow Leafed Apple	5-10
Tristaniopsis laurina	Water Gum	5-10
Cupaniopsis anacardioides	Tuckeroo	5-10
Backhousia myrtifolia	Grey Myrtle	5-10
Backhousia citriodora	Lemon Scented Myrtle	5-10
Buckinghamia celsissima	Ivory curl	6-8
Elaeocarpus eumundii	Smooth Leaved Quandong	6-8
Elaeocarpus reticulatus	Blueberry Ash	4-10
Harpullia pendula	Australian Tulipwood	6-8

3.3.3 **Summary of the impact on local amenity:** Thirteen high category trees and forty-nine low category trees will be lost because of this proposal. However, eighteen of the low category trees are exempt from Mosman Council's Urban Forest Management Policy and the surrounding significant tree cover will ensure there is little impact on the wider setting. A comprehensive landscaping scheme to mitigate these losses is proposed that will include the planting of new trees.

The proposed changes may adversely affect a further one hundred and one high category trees and eleven low category trees if appropriate protective measures are not taken. However, if adequate precautions to protect the retained trees are specified and implemented through the arboricultural method statement included in this report, the development proposal will have little impact on the contribution of trees to local amenity or character.



Figure 2: Approximate pruning requirement for Trees 35 and 36.



4. ARBORICULTURAL METHOD STATEMENT

4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 **Terms of reference:** The impact appraisal in Section 3 identified the potential impacts on trees caused by proposed development. Section 4 is an arboricultural method statement setting out management and protection details that <u>must</u> be implemented to secure successful tree retention. It has evolved from Australian Standard AS4970-2009 *Protection of trees on development sites*.
- 4.1.2 **Plan TMP01:** Plan TMP01 in Appendix 9 is illustrative and based entirely on provided information. This plan should only be used for dealing with the tree issues and all scaled measurements <u>must</u> be checked against the original submission documents. The precise location of all protective measures <u>must</u> be confirmed at the pre-commencement meeting before any demolition or construction activity starts. Its base is the existing land survey, which has the proposed layout superimposed so the two can be easily compared. It shows the existing trees numbered, with high categories (A) highlighted in green triangles and low categories (Z) highlighted in blue rectangles. It also shows the locations of the proposed protective measures.

4.2 **Tree protection with fencing and ground protection**

- 4.2.1 **Protection fencing:** Tree protection fencing must comply with AS4970 (section 4.3) recommendations. An illustrative guide is included as Appendix 4. The approximate location of the barriers and the TPZs is illustrated on plan TMP01. The precise location of the fencing must be agreed with the project Arborist before any development activity starts.
- 4.2.2 **Ground protection:** Any TPZs outside the protective fencing must be covered in ground protection based on AS4970 recommendations until there is no risk of damage from the demolition and construction activity. An illustrative specification for this ground protection is included as Appendix 5. On this site, it <u>must</u> be installed near any trees where access is required across a TPZ.
- 4.3 **Precautions when working in TPZs:** Any work in TPZs must be done with care as set out in Appendix 7. On this site, special precautions must be taken near Trees 35, 36, 156, 352, 353, 477, 478, 553, 556, 900, 903, 904, 918, 920, 921, 954, 961 and 980 as illustrated on plan TMP01 and summarised below:
 - Removal of existing surfacing/structures and replacement with new surfacing/structures: Trees 35, 36, 156, 352, 353, 477, 478, 553, 556, 900, 903, 904, 918, 920, 921, 954, 961 and 980 may be adversely affected by the demolition and construction works or the installation of a small area of new surfacing. Any adverse impact must be minimised by following the guidance set out in Appendix 7.



- Installation of new soft landscaping: All landscaping activity within TPZs has the potential to cause severe damage and any adverse impact must be minimised by following the guidance set out in Section 7 of Appendix 7.
- Installation of new services or upgrading of existing services: It is often difficult to clearly establish the detail of services until the construction is in progress. Where possible, it is proposed to use the existing services into the site and keep all new services outside TPZs. However, where existing services within TPZs require upgrading or new services have to be installed in TPZs, great care must be taken to minimise any disturbance. Trenchless installation should be the preferred option but if that is not feasible, any excavation must be carried out by hand according to the guidelines set out in Section 6 of Appendix 7. If services do need to be installed within TPZs, consultation must be obtained from the project Arborist and/or council before any works are carried out.
- The following activities shall be excluded within the TPZ

Activities to be excluded within the TPZ
Excavation, compaction or disturbance of the existing soil
The movement or storage of materials, waste or fill
Soil level changes
Disposal/runoff of waste materials and chemicals including paint, solvents, cement slurry, fuel, oil and other toxic liquids
Movement or storage of plant, machinery, equipment or vehicles
Any activity likely to damage the trunk or root system

Refer Appendix 7 for more details.

4.4 **Other tree related works**

- 4.4.1 **Site storage, cement mixing and washing points:** All site storage areas, cement mixing and washing points for equipment and vehicles must be outside TPZs unless otherwise agreed with the project Arborist and/or council. Where there is a risk of polluted water run off into TPZs, heavy-duty plastic sheeting and sandbags must be used to contain spillages and prevent contamination.
- 4.4.2 **Pruning:** Any pruning that is required to accommodate hoardings, scaffolding or to accommodate the unloading/loading of vehicles and has been approved by Council shall be carried out by a qualified Arborist (AQF3) and must be in accordance with AS4373 Australian Standards 'Pruning of Amenity Trees'.



4.5 **Programme of tree protection and supervision**

4.5.1 **Overview:** Tree protection cannot be reliably implemented without arboricultural input. The nature and extent of that input varies according to the complexity of the issues and the resources available on site. For this site, a summary of the level of arboricultural input that is likely to be required is set out in Appendix 8. The project arborist must be instructed to work within this framework to oversee the implementation of the protective measures and management proposals set out in this arboricultural method statement.

The framework in Appendix 8 must form the basis for the discharge of planning conditions through site visits by the project arborist. These supervisory actions must be confirmed by formal letters circulated to all relevant parties. These permanent records of each site visit will accumulate to provide the proof of compliance and allow conditions to be discharged as the development progresses. The developer must instruct the project arborist to comply with the supervision requirements set out in this document before any work begins on site.

4.5.2 **Phasing of arboricultural input:** Trees can only be properly budgeted for and factored into the developing work programmes if the overall project management takes full account of tree issues once consent is confirmed. The project arborist must be involved in the following phases of the project management:

1. Administrative preparation before work starts on site: It is normal for a development proposal to vary considerably from the expectations before consent as the detailed planning of implementation evolves. The early instruction of the project arborist ensures that tree issues are factored into the complexities of site management and can often help ease site pressures through creative approaches to tree protection. Pre-commencement discussions between the project arborist and the developer's team is an effective means of managing the tree issues with difficult constraints.

2. **Pre-commencement site meeting:** A pre-commencement meeting must be held on site before any of the demolition and construction work begins. This must be attended by the site manager and the project arborist. Any clarifications or modifications to the consented details must be recorded and circulated to all parties in writing. This meeting is where the details of the programme of tree protection will be agreed and finalised by all parties, which will then form the basis of any supervision arrangements between the project arborist and the developer.

3. **Site supervision:** Once the site is active, the project arborist must visit at an interval agreed at the pre-commencement site meeting. The supervision arrangement must be sufficiently flexible to allow the supervision of all sensitive works as they occur. The project arborist's initial role is to liaise with developer to ensure that appropriate protective measures are designed and in place before any works start on site. Once the site is working, that role will switch to



monitoring compliance with arboricultural conditions and advising on any tree problems that arise or modifications that become necessary.

4.6 **Site management:** It is the developer's responsibility to ensure that the details of this arboricultural method statement and any agreed amendments are known and understood by all site personnel. Copies of the agreed documents must be kept on site at all times and the site manager must brief all personnel who could have an impact on trees on the specific tree protection requirements. This must be a part of the site induction procedures and written into appropriate site management documents.





5. HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

- 5.1 **Limitations:** It is common that the detail of logistical issues such as site storage and the build programme are not finalised until after consent is issued. As this report has been prepared in advance of consent, some of its content may need to be updated as more detailed information becomes available once the postconsent project management starts. Although this document will remain the primary reference in the event of any disputes, some of its content may be superseded by authorised post-consent amendments.
- 5.2 **Suggestions for the effective use of this report:** Section 4 of this report, including the relevant appendices, is designed as an enforcement reference. It is constructed so the council can directly reference the detail in a planning condition. Referencing the report by name and relating conditions to specific subsections is an effective means of reducing confusion and facilitating enforcement in the event of problems during implementation. More specifically, the following issues should be directly referenced in the conditions for this site:
 - 1. Pre-commencement meeting
 - 2. Protection fence
 - 3. Ground protection
 - 4. Removal of surfacing/structures
 - 5. Installation of surfacing/structures
 - 6. Services
 - 7. Landscaping
 - 8. Programming of tree protection
 - 9. Arboricultural supervision

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Each of the above matters shall be supervised by the project arborist and the relevant conditions can only be discharged once that supervision has been confirmed in writing to the relevant parties. The last column of the table in Appendix 8 is to be used so that the various supervision issues can be recorded as they are confirmed by supervision letters. It is intended to act as a summary quick reference to help keep track of the progress of the supervision.



6. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 **Trees subject to statutory controls:** The subject trees are legally protected under Mosman Council's Tree Preservation Order, it will be necessary to consult the council before any pruning or removal works other than certain exemptions can be carried out. The works specified above are necessary for reasonable management and should be acceptable to the council. However, tree owners should appreciate that the council may take an alternative point of view and have the option to refuse consent.

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Unless stated otherwise:

- Information contained in this report covers only those trees that were examined and reflects the condition of those trees at time of inspection: and
- The inspection was limited to visual examination of the subject trees without dissection, excavation, probing or coring. There is no warranty or guarantee, expressed or implied, that problems or deficiencies of the subject trees may not arise in the future.

Yours sincerely

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APPENDIX 1 Brief qualifications and experience of Andrew Scales

1. Qualifications:

Associate Diploma HorticultureNorthern SydneyCertificate in Tree SurgeryNorthern SydneyDiploma of Horticulture (Arboriculture)Northern SydneyDiploma of Arboriculture AQF5Northern Sydney

Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE1998Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE1998Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE2006Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE2019

2. **Practical experience:** Being involved in the arboricultural/horticultural industry for in excess of 20 years, I have developed skills and expertise recognized in the industry. Involvement in the construction industry and tertiary studies has provided me with a good knowledge of tree requirements within construction sites.

As director of Naturally Trees, in this year alone I have undertaken hundreds of arboricultural consultancy projects and have been engaged by a range of clients to undertake tree assessments. I have gained a wide range of practical tree knowledge through tree removal and pruning works.

3. Continuing professional development:

Visual Tree Assessment (Prof. Dr. Claus Mattheck)	Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE 2001
Wood Decay in Trees (F.W.M.R.Schwarze)	Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE 2004
Visual Tree Assessment (Prof. Dr. Claus Mattheck)	Carlton Hotel, Parramatta NSW 2004
Tree A-Z / Report Writing (Jeremy Barrell)	Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE 2006
Up by Roots – Healthy Soils and Trees in the Built Environment (James Urban)	The Sebel Parramatta NSW 2008
Tree Injection for Insect Control (Statement of Attainment)	Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE 2008
Quantified Tree Risk Assessment (QTRA) Registered Licensee #1655	South Western Sydney Institute TAFE 2011
Practitioners Guide to Visual Tree Assessment	South Western Sydney Institute TAFE 2011
Quantified Tree Risk Assessment (QTRA) Registered Licensee #1655	Richmond College NSW TAFE 2014
VALID Approach to Likelihood of Failure (David Evans)	Centennial Park NSW 2017
An Irreverent Look at Tree Protection on Development Sites (Mark Hartley)	Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club NSW 2023



APPENDIX 2 Tree schedule

NOTE: Colour annotation is AA & A trees with green background; Z & ZZ trees with blue background; trees to be removed in red text.

No.	Genus species	Height	Spread	DBH	TPZ	Foliage %	Age class	Defects/Comment	Location	Services	Sign.	Tree AZ
2	Lophostemon confertus	24	18	800	9.6	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	AA1
3	Ficus obliqua	20	22	1000	12.0	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	AA1
4	Eucalyptus botryoides	16	16	500	6.0	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
6	Casuarina glauca	16	12	600	7.2	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
8	Tristaniopsis laurina	10	10	400	4.8	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
9	Banksia integrifolia	10	9	500	6.0	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
10	Podocarpus elatus	10	6	400	4.8	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Adj. building	М	A1
13	Cyathea cooperi	4	3	200	2.4	80%	М	Tree Tag 13	Garden	Nil	L	Z12
33	Araucaria cunninghamii	24	12	600	7.2	60%	М	Dieback	Garden	Adj. driveway	Н	A1
34	Lophostemon confertus	14	12	700	8.4	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
35	Araucaria cunninghamii	26	12	1000	12.0	70%	М	Heritage tree	Garden	Nil	Н	AA3
36	Araucaria cunninghamii	24	12	1000	12.0	70%	М	Heritage tree	Garden	Nil	Н	AA3
38	Lophostemon confertus	12	12	600	7.2	70%	М	Near cables, Lopped upper canopy	Garden	Nil	н	A1
39	Eucalyptus punctata	20	12	800	9.6	70%	0	Borer infestation throughout trunk base Leaning over building	Garden	Adj. building	н	Z 9
44	Stenocarpus sinuatus	12	6	450	5.4	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
45	Toona australis	14	12	600	7.2	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
110	Glochidion ferdinandi	10	7	300	3.6	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
111	Eucalyptus tereticornis	20	18	600	7.2	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
112	Lophostemon confertus	16	14	600	7.2	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
113	Glochidion ferdinandi	10	8	300	3.6	70%	М	Dieback	Garden	Nil	L	Z4
117	Glochidion ferdinandi	10	9	400	4.8	70%	М	Nil	Gravel	Nil	М	A1

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No.	Genus species	Height	Spread	DBH	TPZ	Foliage %	Age class	Defects/Comment	Location	Services	Sign.	Tree AZ
118	Lophostemon confertus	12	10	450	5.4	80%	М	Lopped stump with four epicormic shoots	Gravel	Nil	М	A2
119	Ficus rubiginosa	14	12	600	7.2	80%	М	Nil	Gravel	Nil	Н	A1
121	Eucalyptus robusta	9	5	300	3.6	80%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
122	Eucalyptus robusta	6	4	200	2.4	80%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	A1
131	Eucalyptus botryoides	14	9	400	4.8	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
132	Eucalyptus botryoides	9	7	350	4.2	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
149	Eucalyptus tereticornis	24	20	700	8.4	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Adj. building	Н	AA1
156	Glochidion ferdinandi	9	6	250	3.0	80%	S	Near cables	Garden	Nil	М	A1
157	Ficus obliqua	12	10	500	6.0	80%	М	Near cables	Garden	ABC cable	М	A1
179	Banksia integrifolia	8	4	250	3.0	70%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
180	Ficus sp.	7	6	250	3.0	80%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	A1
181	Acacia sp.	8	5	250	3.0	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
182	Lophostemon confertus	8	5	250	3.0	80%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
183	Lophostemon confertus	9	8	400	4.8	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
184	Angophora costata	8	5	250	3.0	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
297	Syzygium floribundum	12	5	300	3.6	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
301	Ficus benjamina	12	14	1000	12.0	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
302	Flindersia schottiana	10	6	250	3.0	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
303	Syzygium floribundum	12	10	300	3.6	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
312	Harpullia pendula	10	8	300	3.6	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
313	Ficus rubiginosa	12	5	300	3.6	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
314	Flindersia schottiana	12	9	300	3.6	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
315	Ficus microcarpa var. hillii	12	8	400	4.8	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
318	Aleurites moluccanus	12	8	400	4.8	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
319	Ficus rubiginosa	12	12	500	6.0	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
320	Ficus microcarpa var. hillii	12	10	450	5.4	70%	S	Near cables	Garden	Nil	М	A1
321	Syzygium floribundum	10	8	300	3.6	80%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1



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No.	Genus species	Height	Spread	DBH	TPZ	Foliage %	Age class	Defects/Comment	Location	Services	Sign.	Tree AZ
322	Ficus microcarpa var. hillii	12	12	400	4.8	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
323	Ficus microcarpa var. hillii	12	12	500	6.0	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
324	Syzygium floribundum	16	14	500	6.0	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
325	Mallotus discolour	12	9	350	4.2	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
335	Ficus microcarpa var. hillii	10	10	600	7.2	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
338	Commersonia bartramia	14	8	300	3.6	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Adj. building	М	A1
339	Ficus maclellandii	14	9	500	6.0	70%	М	Near cables	Garden	ABC cable	М	A3
342	Ficus obliqua	20	16	600	7.2	80%	М	Near cables	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
343	Flindersia schottiana	14	8	350	4.2	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
345	Ficus rubiginosa	12	12	450	5.4	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
349	Ficus benjamina	14	14	600	7.2	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
350	Ficus benjamina	14	9	400	4.8	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
351	Flindersia schottiana	14	12	400	4.8	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
352	Casuarina glauca	16	10	500	6.0	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Adj. structure	Н	A1
353	Melaleuca quinquenervia	8	8	300	3.6	80%	S	Nil	Garden	LV wires	М	A1
354	Callistemon sp.	12	12	400	4.8	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
355	Ficus microcarpa var. hillii	24	22	1000	12.0	90%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	AA1
468	Eucalyptus botryoides	18	16	600	7.2	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Adj. building	Н	A1
470	Eucalyptus robusta	16	12	450	5.4	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
472	Banksia integrifolia	6	4	250	3.0	80%	S	Below building	Garden	Adj. building	L	Z1
473	Eucalyptus botryoides	10	10	450	5.4	70%	М	Nil	Natural ground	Nil	М	A1
475	Ficus obliqua	20	14	400	4.8	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
476	Lophostemon confertus	14	9	400	4.8	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
477	Melaleuca quinquenervia	16	9	450	5.4	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
478	Melaleuca quinquenervia	16	9	450	5.4	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	A1
513	Araucaria sp.	24	12	900	10.8	90%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	Н	AA1
547	Howea forsteriana	9	3	200	2.4	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	A1
548	Howea forsteriana	9	3	200	2.4	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	A1



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No.	Genus species	Height	Spread	DBH	TPZ	Foliage %	Age class	Defects/Comment	Location	Services	Sign.	Tree AZ
552	Commersonia fraseri	9	6	200	2.4	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	A1
553	Commersonia fraseri	7	5	200	2.4	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	Z12
554	Commersonia fraseri	8	6	250	3.0	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	Z12
555	Toona australis	9	6	250	3.0	70%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
556	Ficus macrophylla	12	12	500	6.0	80%	S	Near cables	Garden	Adj. building	М	A1
557	Ficus rubiginosa	10	9	500	6.0	80%	S	Nil	Grass	Nil	М	A1
558	Ficus rubiginosa	12	9	500	6.0	80%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
900	Eucalyptus botryoides	10	8	450	5.4	80%	М	Co-dominant	Garden	Nil	М	A1
901	Tristaniopsis laurina	8	7	300	3.6	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Adj. structure	М	A1
902	Olea sp.	9	7	300	3.6	80%	Μ	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	Z3
903	Livistona australis	6	3	300	3.6	90%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	A1
904	Livistona australis	10	3	300	3.6	90%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
905	Acacia elata	8	5	250	3.0	70%	Μ	Dieback	Garden	ABC cable	L	Z4
906	Banksia integrifolia	7	3	200	2.4	80%	S	Nil	Garden	ABC cable	L	Z12
907	Banksia integrifolia	7	3	200	2.4	80%	S	Nil	Garden	ABC cable	L	Z12
908	Glochidion ferdinandi	7	4	150	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	Z12
909	Banksia integrifolia	7	3	200	2.4	80%	S	Nil	Garden	ABC cable	L	Z12
910	Eucalyptus tereticornis	16	14	600	7.2	80%	М	Near cables	Garden	ABC cable	Н	A1
911	Livistona australis	9	3	300	3.6	80%	Μ	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	A1
912	Castanospermum australe	6	5	250	3.0	90%	S	Near cables	Garden	Adj. building	L	Z12
913	Ficus microcarpa var. hillii	18	22	1200	14.4	80%	М	Nil	Gravel	Nil	Н	AA1
914	Banksia integrifolia	4	2	100	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Natural ground	Nil	L	Z1
915	Banksia integrifolia	4	2	100	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Natural ground	Nil	L	Z1
916	Banksia integrifolia	7	4	150	2.0	70%	Μ	Nil	Garden	Adj. building	L	Z12
917	Pittosporum undulatum	6	4	150	2.0	80%	Μ	Nil	Garden	Adj. building	L	Z12
918	Banksia integrifolia	8	6	250	3.0	70%	М	Nil	Natural around	Nil	М	A1



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No.	Genus species	Height	Spread	DBH	TPZ	Foliage %	Age class	Defects/Comment	Location	Services	Sign.	Tree AZ
919	Banksia integrifolia	9	5	300	3.6	70%	М	Nil	Natural ground	Nil	М	A1
920	Banksia integrifolia	9	5	300	3.6	70%	М	Nil	Natural ground	Nil	М	A1
921	Banksia integrifolia	8	6	250	3.0	70%	М	Nil	Natural ground	Nil	М	A1
922	Pittosporum undulatum	7	5	200	2.4	70%	М	Nil	Natural ground	Nil	М	A1
923	Banksia integrifolia	6	3	150	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Natural ground	Adj. building	L	Z12
924	Banksia integrifolia	6	3	150	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Natural ground	Adj. building	L	Z12
925	Casuarina cunninghamiana	7	2	100	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Natural ground	Adj. building	L	Z12
926	Pittosporum undulatum	3	3	100	2.0	60%	S	Nil	Natural ground	Nil	L	Z12
927	Banksia integrifolia	6	3	150	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Natural ground	Adj. building	L	Z12
928	Banksia integrifolia	8	3	250	3.0	70%	М	Nil	Natural ground	Nil	М	A1
929	Banksia integrifolia	6	3	150	2.0	70%	М	Nil	Natural ground	Nil	М	Z12
930	Banksia integrifolia	6	3	150	2.0	70%	М	Nil	Natural ground	Nil	М	Z12
931	Banksia integrifolia	6	3	150	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Natural ground	Adj. building	L	Z12
932	Pittosporum undulatum	4	2	100	2.0	30%	0	Borer Dieback Failures	Natural ground	Nil	L	ZZ4
933	Allocasuarina sp.	5	2	100	2.0	70%	М	Nil	Natural ground	Nil	L	Z1
934	Cupressus sp.	4	2	60	2.0	60%	S	Dieback	Grass	Nil	L	ZZ4
935	Allocasuarina sp.	5	3	100	2.0	40%	0	Dieback	Grass	Nil	L	ZZ4
936	Cupressus sp.	4	2	60	2.0	60%	S	Dieback	Grass	Nil	L	ZZ4
937	Cupressus sp.	4	2	60	2.0	60%	S	Dieback	Grass	Nil	L	ZZ4
938	Allocasuarina sp.	5	3	100	2.0	40%	0	Dieback	Grass	Nil	L	ZZ4
939	Cupressus sp.	6	2	200	2.4	60%	Μ	Dieback	Grass	Nil	L	Z4



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No.	Genus species	Height	Spread	DBH	TPZ	Foliage %	Age class	Defects/Comment	Location	Services	Sign.	Tree AZ
940	Allocasuarina sp.	6	3	200	2.4	70%	М	Dieback	Grass	Nil	L	Z4
941	Cupressus sp.	6	2	200	2.4	60%	М	Dieback	Grass	Nil	L	Z4
942	Eucalyptus robusta	8	4	200	2.4	70%	М	Nil	Grass	Nil	М	A1
943	Allocasuarina sp.	5	2	60	2.0	60%	S	Dieback	Grass	Nil	L	ZZ4
944	Cupressus sp.	6	2	200	2.4	60%	М	Dieback	Grass	Nil	L	Z4
945	Eucalyptus robusta	8	4	200	2.4	70%	М	Nil	Grass	Nil	М	A1
946	Allocasuarina sp.	5	2	60	2.0	60%	S	Dieback	Grass	Nil	L	ZZ4
947	Cupressus sp.	5	2	60	2.0	60%	М	Dieback	Grass	Nil	L	ZZ4
948	Cupressus sp.	6	2	200	2.4	60%	М	Dieback	Grass	Nil	L	Z4
949	Banksia integrifolia	6	3	250	3.0	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
950	Banksia integrifolia	4	2	100	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Grass	Nil	L	Z1
951	Polyscias elegans	5	1	60	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Grass	Nil	L	Z1
952	Polyscias elegans	5	1	60	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Grass	Nil	L	Z1
953	Glochidion ferdinandi	4	3	150	2.0	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	Z1
954	Pittosporum undulatum	4	3	150	2.0	50%	М	Dieback	Garden	Nil	L	ZZ4
955	Banksia integrifolia	4	2	50	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	Z1
956	Ficus obliqua	8	6	400	4.8	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
957	Glochidion ferdinandi	5	1	50	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	Z1
958	Pittosporum undulatum	4	3	50	2.0	60%	S	Nil	Grass	Nil	L	Z1
959	Polyscias elegans	5	1	60	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Grass	Nil	L	Z1
960	Ficus rubiginosa	6	3	250	3.0	70%	S	Nil	Grass	Nil	М	A1
961	Banksia integrifolia	7	5	300	3.6	70%	М	Nil	Grass	Nil	М	A1
962	Polyscias elegans	5	1	60	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Grass	Nil	L	Z1
963	Banksia integrifolia	5	3	150	2.0	70%	М	Nil	Grass	Nil	L	Z12
964	Polyscias elegans	5	2	70	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	Z1
965	Polyscias elegans	5	2	70	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	Z1
966	Polyscias elegans	5	2	70	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	Z1
967	Polyscias elegans	5	2	70	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	Z1

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968	Polyscias elegans	5	2	70	2.0	70%	S	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	Z1
969	Leptospermum petersonii	4	3	100	2.0	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	Z1
970	Livistona australis	9	3	300	3.6	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
971	Livistona australis	9	3	300	3.6	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
972	Livistona australis	5	3	300	3.6	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	A1
973	Livistona australis	5	3	300	3.6	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	A1
974	Eucalyptus punctata	12	9	400	4.8	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
975	Lophostemon confertus	12	9	450	5.4	60%	М	Dieback	Grass	Nil	М	A2
976	Livistona australis	5	3	300	3.6	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	A1
977	Archontophoenix alexandrae	7	3	200	2.4	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
978	Howea forsteriana	5	3	150	2.0	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	A1
979	Archontophoenix alexandrae	7	3	200	2.4	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
980	Washingtonia robusta	14	5	400	4.8	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
981	Tristaniopsis laurina	4	4	200	2.4	50%	М	Dieback	Planter	Nil	L	Z1
982	Tristaniopsis laurina	4	4	200	2.4	50%	М	Dieback	Planter	Nil	L	Z1
983	Howea forsteriana	5	3	150	2.0	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	A1
984	Howea forsteriana	6	3	150	2.0	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	A1
985	Howea forsteriana	5	3	150	2.0	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	A1
986	Eucalyptus botryoides	14	10	400	4.8	80%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
987	Howea forsteriana	5	3	150	2.0	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	L	A1
988	Melaleuca quinquenervia	8	5	300	3.6	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
989	Melaleuca quinquenervia	8	5	300	3.6	70%	М	Nil	Garden	Nil	М	A1
990	Stenocarpus sinuatus	4	2	60	2.0	80%	S	Nil	Planter	Adj. structure	L	Z1





Explanatory Notes

- **Measurements/estimates:** All dimensions are estimates unless otherwise indicated. Measurements taken with a tape or clinometer are indicated with a '*'. Less reliable estimated dimensions are indicated with a '?'.
- Species: The species identification is based on visual observations and the botanical name. In some instances, it may be difficult to quickly and accurately identify a particular tree without further detailed investigations. Where there is some doubt of the precise species of tree, it is indicated with a '?' after the name in order to avoid delay in the production of the report. The botanical name is followed by the abbreviation sp if only the genus is known. The species listed for groups and hedges represent the main component and there may be other minor species not listed.
- Tree number: relates to the reference number used on site diagram/report.
- **Height:** Height is estimated to the nearest metre.
- Spread: The average crown spread is visually estimated to the nearest metre from the outermost tips of the live lateral branches.
- **DBH:** These figures relate to 1.4m above ground level and are recorded in millimetres. If appropriate, diameter is measured with a diameter tape. 'M' indicates trees or shrubs with multiple stems.
- Foliage Cover: Percent of estimated live foliage cover for particular species range.
- Age class: Y Young = recently planted
 - S Semi-mature (<20% of life expectancy)
 - M Mature (20-80% of life expectancy)
 - O Over-mature (>80% of life expectancy)
- **TPZ:** The Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) is the radial offset distance of twelve times the trunk diameter in meters.
- Tree AZ: See reference for Tree AZ categories in Appendix 3.
- Significance: A tree's significance/value in the landscape takes into account its prominence from a wide range of perspectives. This includes, but is not limited to neighbour hood perspective, local perspective and site perspective. The significance of the subject trees has been categorized into three groups, such as: High, Moderate or Low significance.



TreeAZ Categories (Version 10.04-ANZ)

Z		Category Z: Unimportant trees not worthy of being a material constraint Local policy exemptions: Trees that are unsuitable for legal protection for local policy reasons including size, proximity and species							
	Z1	Young or insignificant small trees, i.e. below the local size threshold for legal protection, etc							
	Z2	Too close to a building, i.e. exempt from legal protection because of proximity, etc							
	Z3	Species that cannot be protected for other reasons, i.e. scheduled noxious weeds, out of character in a setting of acknowledged importance, etc							
		High risk of death or failure: Trees that are likely to be removed within 10 years because of acute health issues or severe structural failure							
Z4 Dead, dying, diseased or declining									
Z5 Severe damage and/or structural defects where a high risk of failure cannot be satisfact reduced by reasonable remedial care, i.e. cavities, decay, included bark, wounds, excet imbalance, overgrown and vulnerable to adverse weather conditions, etc.									
	Z6	Instability, i.e. poor anchorage, increased exposure, etc							
	L	Excessive nuisance: Trees that are likely to be removed within 10 years because of unacceptable impact on							
	Z 7	Excessive, severe and intolerable inconvenience to the extent that a locally recognised court or tribunal would be likely to authorise removal, i.e. dominance, debris, interference, etc							
	Z 8	Excessive, severe and intolerable damage to property to the extent that a locally recognised court or tribunal would be likely to authorise removal, i.e. severe structural damage to surfacing and buildings, etc							
	Good management: Trees that are likely to be removed within 10 years through responsible management of the tree population								
	Z9 Severe damage and/or structural defects where a high risk of failure can be tempora reduced by reasonable remedial care, i.e. cavities, decay, included bark, wounds, excess imbalance, vulnerable to adverse weather conditions, etc								
Z10 Poor condition or location with a low potential for recovery or improvement, i.e. domina adjacent trees or buildings, poor architectural framework, etc.									
	Z11	Removal would benefit better adjacent trees, i.e. relieve physical interference, suppression, etc							
	Z12 Unacceptably expensive to retain, i.e. severe defects requiring excessive levels of maintenance, etc								
	NOTE: Z trees with a high risk of death/failure (Z4, Z5 & Z6) or causing severe inconvenience (Z7 & Z8) at the time of assessment and need an urgent risk assessment can be designated as ZZ. ZZ trees are likely to be unsuitable for retention and at the bottom of the categorisation hierarchy. In contrast, although Z trees are not worthy of influencing new designs, urgent removal is not essential and they could be retained in the short term, if appropriate.								
Α		Category A: Important trees suitable for retention for more than 10 years and							

	worthy of being a material constraint					
A1	No significant defects and could be retained with minimal remedial care					
A2	Minor defects that could be addressed by remedial care and/or work to adjacent trees					
٨2	Special significance for historical, cultural, commemorative or rarity reasons that would warrant					
AJ	extraordinary efforts to retain for more than 10 years					
	Trees that may be worthy of legal protection for ecological reasons (Advisory requiring					
A4	specialist assessment)					
NOTE: Category A1 trees that are already large and exceptional, or have the potential to become so						
with minimal maintenance, can be designated as AA at the discretion of the assessor. Although all A						
and AA trees are sufficiently important to be material constraints. AA trees are at the top of the						
and AA trees are summering important to be material constraints, AA trees are at the top of the						
categorisation hierarchy and should be given the most weight in any selection process.						

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Tree protection fencing and signs - Illustrative specification

Protective fencing: Protective 1.8m high fencing should be installed at the location illustrated on the Tree Management Plan before any site works start. All uprights should be fixed in position for the duration of the development activity. The fixings must be able to withstand the pressures of everyday site work.

Inside the protective fencing, the following rules must be strictly observed:

- No vehicular access
 No storage of excavated debris, building materials or fuels
- No excessive cultivation for landscape planting
- No fires
- No mixing of cement
- No service installation or excavation

Once erected, protective fencing must not be removed or altered without consulting first with the project Arborist.

Shade cloth or similar should be attached to reduce the transport of dust, other particulate matter and liquids into the protected area and signage must be attached to outside of fencing.

Signage: All signs are to provide clear and readily accessible information to indicate that a TPZ has been established. Signage identifying the TPZ must be attached to outside of fencing and be visible from within the development site.



Legend

- 1. Chain wire mesh panels with shade cloth (if required) attached, held in place with concrete feet.
- 2. Alternative plywood or wooden paling fence panels. This fencing material also prevents building materials or soil entering the TPZ.
- 3. Mulch installation across surface of TPZ (at the discretion of the project arborist). No excavation, construction activity, grade changes, surface treatment or storage of materials of any kind is permitted within the TPZ.
- 4. Bracing is permissible within the TPZ. Installation of supports should avoid damaging roots.

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Root zone and trunk protection - Illustrative specification

Root zone protection: Where necessary, access through the TPZ can be achieved by laying aggregate and timber boards (or similar) over the root zone to protect roots. The ground beneath the boarding should be left undisturbed and should be protected with a porous geo-textile fabric covered with sand or mulch.



Trunk protection: Where fencing cannot be installed, the vertical trunk of exposed trees shall be protected by the placement of 3.6m lengths of 50 x 100mm hardwood timbers, spaced vertically, at 150mm centres and secured by 2mm wire at 300mm wide spacing over suitable protective padding material e.g. Jute Matting. The trunk protection shall be maintained intact until the completion of all work on site.







Tree Protection Zone Encroachments AS4970-2009

Minor Encroachments

The proposed encroachment is less than 10% of the TPZ and outside the SRZ. The area lost to this encroachment should be compensated for elsewhere and contiguous with the TPZ.

Major Encroachments

The proposed encroachment exceeds 10% of the TPZ or inside the SRZ. The area lost to this encroachment should be compensated for elsewhere and contiguous with the TPZ. This may require root investigation by non-destructive methods.







General guidance for working in TPZ

1 PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDANCE

This guidance sets out the general principles that must be followed when working within a TPZ. Where more detail is required, it will be supplemented by illustrative specifications in other appendices in this document (refer Appendix 4 and 5).

This guidance is based on the Australian Standards (2009) AS4970: *Protection of Trees on Construction Sites*.

Once the site works start, this guidance is specifically for the site personnel to help them understand what has been agreed and explain what is required to fully meet their obligations to protect trees. All personnel working in TPZs must be properly briefed about their responsibilities towards important trees based on this guidance.

This guidance should always be read in conjunction with the Tree Management Plan (TMP01) illustrating the areas where specific precautions are necessary. Each area where precautions are required is explained on the plan as identified on the legend. All protective measures should be installed according to the prevailing site conditions and agreed as satisfactory by the Project Arborist before any demolition or construction work starts.

2 TREE PROTECTION

2.1 Tree Protection Zone (TPZ)

The TPZ is a radial setback, extending outwards from the centre of the trunk, where disturbance must be minimised if important trees are to be successfully retained. The TPZ area is illustrated on the Tree Management Plan (TMP01) accompanying this guidance.

- The TPZ is a radial setback extending outwards from the centre of the trunk equal to the DBH x 12.
- This area shall be protected by tree protective fencing (refer Appendix 4).
- Any part of the TPZ outside of the tree protective fencing area must be isolated from the work operations by protective barriers and/or root zone protection for the duration of the work (refer Appendix 5).
- The Project Arborist shall approve the extent of the TPZ prior to commencement of works.
- The TPZ shall be mulched to a depth of 90mm with approved organic mulch e.g. leaf and wood chip where possible.
- Supplementary watering shall be provided in dry periods to reduce water or construction stress, particularly to those trees which may incur minor root disturbance.

The following activities shall be excluded within the TPZ:

- Excavation, compaction or disturbance of the existing soil.
- The movement or storage of materials, waste or fill.
- Soil level changes
- Disposal/runoff of waste materials and chemicals including paint, solvents, cement slurry, fuel, oil and other toxic liquids
- Movement or storage of plant, machinery, equipment or vehicles.
- Any activity likely to damage the trunk, crown or root system.

2.2 Arboricultural supervision

Any work within TPZs requires a high level of care. Qualified arboricultural supervision is essential to minimise the risk of misunderstanding and misinterpretation. Site personnel must be properly briefed before any work starts. Ongoing work must be inspected regularly and, on completion, the work must be signed off by the Project Arborist to confirm compliance by the contractor.



2.3 Tree protection fencing, root zone and trunk protection

Prior to site establishment, tree protection fencing and root zone and trunk protection shall be installed to establish the TPZ for trees to be retained in accordance with site conditions. These protective barriers shall be maintained entire for the duration of the construction program (refer Appendix 4 and 5).

Tree protection fencing and trunk and root zone protection shall be removed following completion of construction. The mulch layer in the TPZ shall be retained and replenished where required to maintain a 75mm thickness

2.4 Pruning

All pruning work required (including root pruning) should be in accordance with Australian Standard No 4373-1996 - Pruning of Amenity Trees.

2.5 Tree Damage

In the event of damage to a tree or the TPZ, the Project Arborist shall be engaged to inspect and provide advice on remedial action. This should be implemented as soon as practicable and certified by the Project Arborist.

2.6 Post construction maintenance

In the event of any tree deteriorating in health after the construction period, the Project Arborist shall be engaged to provide advice on any remedial action. Remedial action shall be implemented as soon as practicable and certified by the Project Arborist.

3 EXCAVATION AND FILL IN TPZ

3.1 Excavation within TPZ

If excavation within the TPZ is required the following shall be applied to preserve tree root systems:

- Excavation within TPZ must be carried out under the instruction and supervision of the Project Arborist.
- A root mapping exercise is to be undertaken and certified by the Project Arborist. Root mapping shall be undertaken by either ground penetrating radar, air spade, water laser or by hand excavation using hand tools, taking care not to damage the bark and wood of any roots.
- The purpose of the root mapping shall be to locate woody structural roots greater than 40mm in diameter. Where possible, flexible clumps of smaller roots, including fibrous roots, should be retained if they can be displaced temporarily or permanently beyond the excavation without damage.
- If digging by hand, a fork shall be used to loosen the soil and help locate any substantial roots.
- Once roots have been located, the trowel shall be used to clear the soil away from them without damaging the bark.
- Exposed roots to be removed shall be cut cleanly with a sharp saw or secateurs.
- Roots temporarily exposed shall be protected from direct sunlight, drying out and extremes of temperature by appropriate covering.

3.2 Fill within TPZ

Placement of fill material within the Tree Protection Zone of trees to be retained should be avoided where possible. However, where fill cannot be avoided:

- All fill material to be placed within the TPZ should be approved by Project Arborist and consist of a course, gap-graded material to provide aeration and percolation to the root zone. Materials containing a high percentage of 'fines' is unacceptable for this purpose.
- The fill material should be consolidated with a non-vibrating roller to minimise compaction of the underlying soil.
- No fill material should be placed in direct contact with the trunk.



4 DEMOLITION OF SURFACING/STRUCTURES IN TPZ

4.1 Definitions of surfacing and structures

For the purposes of this guidance, the following broad definitions apply:

• **Surfacing:** Any hard surfacing used as a vehicular road, parking or pedestrian path including tarmac, solid stone, crushed stone, compacted aggregate, concrete and timber decking.

• **Structures:** Any man-made structure above or below ground including service pipes, walls, gate piers, buildings and foundations. Typically, this would include drainage structures, services, car-ports, bin stores and concrete slabs that support buildings.

4.2 Demolition and access

Roots frequently grow adjacent to and beneath existing surfacing/structures so great care is needed during access and demolition. Damage can occur through physical disturbance of roots and/or the compaction of soil around them from the weight of machinery or repeated pedestrian passage. This is not generally a problem whilst surfacing/structures are in place because they spread the load on the soil beneath and further protective measures are not normally necessary. However, once they are removed and the soil below is newly exposed, damage to roots becomes an issue and the following guidance must be implemented:

- No vehicular or repeated pedestrian access into TPZ permitted unless on existing hard surfacing or root zone protection.
- Regular vehicular and pedestrian access routes must be protected from compaction with temporary root zone protection as set out in Appendix 5.
- Where a TPZ is exposed by the work, it must be protected as set out in AS4970 until there is no risk of damage from the development activity.

4.3 Removal of surfacing/structures

Removing existing surfacing/structures is a high-risk activity for any adjacent roots and the following guidance must be observed:

- Appropriate tools for manually removing debris may include a pneumatic breaker, crow bar, sledgehammer, pick, mattock, shovel, spade, trowel, fork and wheelbarrow.
- Machines with a long reach may be used if they can work from outside the TPZ or from protected areas within the TPZ.
- Debris to be removed from the TPZ manually must be moved across existing hard surfacing or temporary root zone protection in a way that prevents compaction of soil. Alternatively, it can be lifted out by machines provided this does not disturb the TPZ.
- Great care must be taken throughout these operations not to damage roots.

5 INSTALLATION OF SURFACING/STRUCTURES IN TPZ

- **5.1 Basic principles:** New surfacing/structures in a TPZ are potentially damaging to trees because they may disturb the soil and disrupt the existing exchange of water and gases in and out of it. Adverse impact on trees can be reduced by minimising the extent of these changes within the TPZ.
 - **Surfacing:** Suitable surfacing should be relatively permeable to allow water and gas movement, load spreading to avoid localised compaction and require little or no excavation to limit direct damage. The actual specification of the surfacing is an engineering issue that needs to be considered in the context of the bearing capacity of the soil, the intended loading and the frequency of loading. The detail of product and specification are beyond the scope of this guidance and must be provided separately by the appropriate specialist.
 - **Structures:** Where possible structures are to be constructed above ground level on piled supports and redirecting water to where it is needed. The detailed design and specification of such structures is an engineering issue that should be informed and guided by the Project Arborist. Conventional strip foundations in the TPZ for any significant structure may cause excessive root loss and are unlikely to be acceptable. However, disturbance can be significantly reduced by supporting the above ground part of the structures on small diameter piles/piers or





cast floor slabs set above ground level. The design should be sufficiently flexible to allow the piles to be moved if significant roots are encountered in the preferred locations.

5.2 Establishing the depth of roots

The precise location and depth of roots within the soil is unpredictable and will only be known when careful digging starts on site. Ideally, all new surfacing within a TPZ should be no-dig, i.e. requiring no excavation whatsoever, but this is rarely possible on undulating surfaces.

New surfacing normally requires an evenly graded sub-base layer, which can be made up to any high points with granular, permeable fills such as crushed stone or sharp sand. This sub-base must not be compacted as would happen in conventional surface installation. Some limited excavation is usually necessary to achieve this and need not be damaging to trees if carried out carefully and large roots are not cut.

Tree roots and grass roots rarely occupy the same soil volume at the top of the soil profile, so the removal of a turf layer up to 50mm is unlikely to be damaging to trees. It may be possible to dig to a greater depth depending on local conditions but this would need to be assessed by the Project Arborist.

6 SERVICES IN TPZ

For the purposes of this guidance, services are considered as structures. Excavation to upgrade existing services or to install new services within a TPZ may damage retained trees and should only be chosen as a last resort. In the event that excavation emerges as the preferred option, the decision should be reviewed by the Project Arborist before any work is carried out. If excavation is agreed, all digging should be done carefully and follow the guidance set out in 3.1 above.

7 SOFT LANDSCAPING IN TPZ

For the purposes of this guidance, soft landscaping includes the re-profiling of existing soil levels and covering the soil surface with new plants or an organic covering (mulch). It does not include the installation of solid structures or compacted surfacing.

Soft landscaping activity after construction can be extremely damaging to trees.

No significant excavation or cultivation shall occur within the TPZ (e.g. planting holes). Where new designs require levels to be increased to tie in with new structures or surrounding ground level, good quality and relatively permeable top soil should be used for the fill. It should be firmed into place but not over compacted in preparation for turfing or careful shrub planting.

All areas close to tree trunks should be kept at the original ground level and have a mulched finish rather than grass to reduce the risk of mowing damage.

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APPENDIX 8 Schedule of works and responsibilities

Hold Point	Task	Responsibility	Certification	Timing of Inspection
1	Indicate clearly (with spray paint) trees approved for removal only	Principal Contractor	Project Arborist	Prior to demolition and site establishment
2	Establishment of tree protection fencing and additional root, trunk and/or branch protection	Principal Contractor	Project Arborist	Prior to demolition and site establishment
3	Supervise all excavations works proposed within the TPZ	Principal Contractor	Project Arborist	As required prior to the works proceeding adjacent to the tree
4	Inspection of trees by Project Arborist	Principal Contractor	Project Arborist	Monthly during construction period
5	Final inspection of trees by Project Arborist	Principal Contractor	Project Arborist	Prior to the issue of Occupation Certificate



Tree management plan

-refer attached Tree Management Plan, Dwg No. TMP01, by Naturally Trees dated 22 April 2025









