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Dear David

**Subject: Response to Submissions - Eden Street, Arncliffe Mixed Used Redevelopment**

Thank you for your e-mail received 11 February 2022, requesting input from Environment, Energy and Science Group (EES) on the response to submissions for the proposed mixed-use development at Eden Street, Arncliffe.

**Biodiversity and tree impacts**

EES noted in its previous submission that the biodiversity impacts of the development were beyond that assessed in the Biodiversity Development Assessment Report waiver issued on 15 January 2021. Specially, tree 109 (*Eucalyptus pilularis*), identified for retention in the BDAR waiver report, was subject to major encroachment from the proposed works.

In response to EES comments a new Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA), prepared by Birds Tree Consulting (dated 22/12/21), has been provided which seeks to address revised impacts to tree 109. The report also considers revised impacts to trees 3, 44, 45 and 111. Tree numbering is consistent with previous AIA prepared by Naturally Trees (dated 16/12/2020).

In relation to tree 109, the new AIA notes that proposed impacts are sustainable provided there is no excavation within the tree protection zone (TPZ) and that existing structures such as paths, are replaced within the existing footprints. This recommendation is not consistent with amended landscape and architectural plans which show proposed level changes and the installation of new structures including paths, a ramp, boundary walls and raised planters within the TPZ of the tree.

EES notes that the previous AIA prepared by Naturally Trees made similar recommendations for the retention and protection of tree 109. In particular, the report recommended that existing levels between the tree and the exploratory trench (as detailed in the report), must remain unaltered and that there is to be no services or built structures placed within this critical zone. This recommendation was informed by a root mapping exercise.

EES supports the recommendations of both reports in relation to tree 109 and reiterates EES's previous comments that the proposal, particularly the landscape design within the TPZ of tree 109, be amended to reflect the recommendations of the AIA.

## Flooding

EES has no comments in relation to flooding.

If you have any queries please contact Shaun Hunt, Senior Conservation Planning Officer at [shaun.hunt@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shaun.hunt@environment.nsw.gov.au) or 02 8275 1617.

Yours sincerely



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