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Via: NSW Major Projects portal

Attention: Dimitri Gotsis

Dear Sir,

**RE: Advice on the “Response to Submissions” to SSD-17424905-Mod-2, Pymble Ladies
College - Grey House Precinct
Address: 20 Avon Road, Pymble**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the “Response to Submissions” for State Significant Development (SSD) modification application (SSD-17424905-Mod 2) for Pymble Ladies Collage – Grey House Precinct development at 20 Avon Road, Pymble.

Council’s Team Leader Landscape and Ecological Assessment has thoroughly reviewed the information provided in response to the submissions. The concerns and recommendations raised in Council’s submission dated 19th February 2025 remains pertinent and valid, they are as follows:

- *The proposed modification is a substantial change from the original approved planting scheme in both scale and density of planting.*
- *The planting proposed (such as Eucalyptus saligna (Sydney Bluegum) and Syncarpia glomulifera (Turpentine) and Allocasuarina torulosa (Forest Oak) and Glochidion ferdinadii (Cheese Tree) and Eleaocarpus reticulatus (Blueberry Ash) for Ceratopetalum gummiiferum (NSW Christmas Bush), Eucalyptus ficifolia “Summer Red”) is very domestic in scale and will not provide substantial visual buffer to this area of the development.*
- *It is suggested other larger species which achieve a greater height while still not excessively overshadowing the properties, could be explored as alternatives. For example, species such as Eleaocarpus reticulatus or similar locally occurring native species.*
- *No sufficient reason in terms of overshadowing to substitute the Eleaocarpus reticulatus as indicated on the approved plans.*
- *Eucalyptus ficifolia “Summer Red”, is not a locally occurring native species. A locally occurring naïve species should be considered.*
- *Additional tree planting in other areas of the campus, it is suggested these be of more advanced size than tube stock*

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact me on 02 9424 0941.

Yours sincerely,

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