
DESIGN STATEMENT BY THE CONSULTANT

PROJECT: **Sutherland Hospital**

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS: **Arcadia Landscape Architecture P/L**

ABN: 83 148 994 870

To whom it may concern,

This design statement is given in relation to the Landscape Documentation carried out by Arcadia Landscape Architecture P/L.

In response to Council's request for the inclusion of 100% indigenous tree planting and 50% indigenous shrub and grass planting, we can confirm that we have sufficiently met the condition of 50% indigenous shrub and grass species.

Please note Council's request for 100% indigenous tree species has not been completely fulfilled. The indigenous tree species list provided by Council was not very extensive and as a result was not suitable for all areas of the proposed design.

Following careful review of the Indigenous tree list, we were unable to identify an appropriate tree species for the hospital building entry and shareway. It is in our opinion that a *Corymbia maculata* (Spotted Gum) would be a suitable tree species for the areas nominated above.

As per the Arborist Report, there are numerous locations on site where *Corymbia maculata*'s currently exist, including along the hospital driveway entrance. In order to stay consistent with our site narrative in enhancing/extending the local landscape character, we advise that this species would be most appropriate. There are currently three beautiful and healthy *Corymbia maculata* specimens located to the hospital driveway entry and we believe continuing this tree character into the site as part of the entry experience is integral to the overall design.

The *Corymbia maculata* tree species would be the only plant we have selected that diverts from the 100% indigenous tree planting request. While this tree species is not indigenous to the site, it is a commonly used Australian native tree found extensively in the wider community and along the Sydney coastline.

Yours Faithfully- For Arcadia Landscape Architecture Pty Ltd.



Alex Longley

Principal

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