

20 February 2018

Mr Douglas Foster
Tree Management Supervisor
North Sydney Council
200 Miller Street
NORTH SYDNEY, NSW 2060

Dear Mr Douglas,

Re: Tree Removal at Wenona School

The tree subject of the removal order is a *Lophostemn confertus* (Brush Box) located at the southwest corner of 255 Miller Street (Lot 8, D.P 996381). The chronology below identifies the chain of events leading to the submission of the application to have the tree removed:

- (a) Under the Development Consent (SSD 6952) obtained on behalf of Wenona School ('Wenona') a substation kiosk is positioned north of the *Lophostemn confertus* (Brush Box).
- (b) Upon receipt of Item (a), Wenona proceeded to prepare a Substation Design in accordance with the Development Consent.
- (c) By February 2017, Ausgrid certified the location of the Substation (SC08715).
- (d) In late March 2017, Ausgrid arrived on site and raised concerns about the proximity of the substation kiosk relative to the subject tree identified in item (a) above.
- (e) By December 2017, Wenona undertook an extensive investigation in an effort to preserve the tree by demonstrating that the age, species and structural root system of the subject tree would not impact the placement of the substation kiosk. These are available upon request.
- (f) Notwithstanding the conclusion drawn from item (e) above, Ausgrid discussed the matter directly with Council and it was agreed in principle that the subject tree posed a significant risk to the certified location of the substation kiosk, qualifying for its removal. Refer to email from D Ross dated 19 February 2018.

Based on the above and inherent risk resultant from the execution of the Development Consent, we seek consent from Council for the removal of the subject tree.

Yours sincerely,
epm Projects Pty Ltd



Peter Ibrahim
Senior Project Manager

