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JDH Architects
44 Little Oxford Street
Darlinghurst NSW 2010

To whom it may concern,

**TREE IMPACT STATEMENT:
St Francis Catholic College
130-160 Jardine Drive, Edmondson Park NSW**

This letter has been commissioned by JDH Architects to discuss the extent of impact of a proposed development near Trees 21, 22, 23 (*Eucalyptus moluccana*) and 30, 31 (*Corymbia maculata*) at 130-160 Jardine Drive, Edmondson Park.

The Department of Planning and Environment, Response to Sumissions, Ref. No. SSD 8832, dated 17 August 2018, responded with the following:

'The arborist's report has identified a number of mature trees as having a "high to very-high significance", display good health and condition. Insufficient details have been provided demonstrating the need for the loss of significant trees on site. Additional exploration of options to retain the trees on site is required or further details justification for their removal.'

The subject trees had been included within an earlier Arboricultural Impact Appraisal and Method Statement (report) compiled by Naturally Trees dated 23 May 2018. This letter is to be read in conjunction with this earlier report, which provides preliminary information on dimensions and management of the subject trees based on the proposed works.

I understand that the subject site forms a small part of a much larger subdivision including roads, footpaths, services and new dwellings that abut the subject site boundaries. Works have been active within the adjoining properties since 2016.

Trees 21, 22, 23 and 31 will be directly impacted by the proposed works within the site but will also be impacted by the proposed road and footpath construction, located outside the site boundaries. A number of options have been considered to retain Trees 21, 22 and 23 however these trees will be indirectly affected by the road and footpath construction located adjacent to the site.



In conclusion I see no realistic way to successfully retain the subject trees under the current proposed works, within and adjacent to the subject site. The subject trees are very sensitive to construction impacts and changes in environmental conditions including, but not limited to the following: removal of existing vegetation, altered water tables due to level variations, ground disturbance from existing and previous construction activity and below-ground services.

For further information regarding the subject trees, please contact Naturally Trees.

Yours sincerely



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