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Dear Matthew,

RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION | SSD 9649

We write following the Department of Planning, Industry, and Environment (**DPIE**) request for more information dated 20 December 2019 regarding the proposed development at 4-18 Doncaster Avenue, Kensington. We provide a response to the final matter queried below.

Health of Tree 42

Sydney Water has stated it is willing to withdraw its objection if the stormwater channel deviation is carried out in accordance with its revised drawings and at no cost to Sydney Water. The applicant has adhered to this requirement and submitted updated stormwater diversion plans in accordance with the location and alignment of the stormwater pipe as approved by Sydney Water.

The stormwater alignment (including associated easement) is not feasible on the eastern, southern, or western site boundaries, and due to the minimum allowable radius of the pipe and hydraulic design requirements the current alignment approved by Sydney Water has been determined to be the only feasible solution for the proposed development.

As a result of this new alignment, the installation of the stormwater pipe will involve excavation within 3m of the base of Tree 42. This is unavoidable. The applicant has committed, and continues to commit, to the retention of Tree 42 as part of the redevelopment of the site. As such, additional arboricultural advice (**Attachment A**) has been obtained to verify the health of the tree, and to provide mitigation measures to protect the health and stability of the tree during construction.

In summary, the following measures are proposed for the development in order to mitigate impacts to the health of the tree resulting from the stormwater diversion:

- A site arborist shall be appointed prior to the commencement of work on site. The site arborist shall clearly mark out all trees to be removed and ensure that all trees documented for retention are preserved with the implementation of the following tree protection measures. The site arborist shall have a minimum qualification equivalent to a NSW TAFE Certificate Level 5 or above in Arboriculture.
- Prior to the commencement work on site, a pre-construction assessment on the structural health of the tree is to occur, in involving the lifting/removal of portions of the footpath to allow non destructive excavation of the proposed trench.
- In accordance with the current standard for the *Protection of Trees on Development Sites AS4970-2009* during construction, all larger diameter (30mm+) roots within the structural root zone



(SRZ), being an area within 3.8m of the base of Tree 42 shall be preserved to ensure the tree's structural integrity.

- During excavation all roots required for pruning or removal should be cut cleanly adjacent to the edge of the proposed construction and covered with hessian to limit the spread of decay and their exposure to the atmosphere.
- Inspections and Tree Protection Recommendations are to be undertaken during the construction of the projects in accordance with the recommendations of the Additional Arborist Advice prepared by Botanics Tree Wise People Pty Ltd, dated February 2020.

Should you have any further comments or requests for additional information relating to SSD 9649, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (02) 8233 9900.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Ryan".

Ashleigh Ryan
Associate Director

Attachment A – Updated Arborist Advice on Tree 42