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Dear Mr Fania

**Powering Sydney's Future (SSI 8583)
Sydney Park – Tree Removal**

I refer to your request dated 12 February 2021 seeking the Planning Secretary's approval to cause impacts that will result in the removal of any trees under condition E21(e) of Schedule 2 of the Infrastructure Approval for the Powering Sydney's Future Project (SSI 8583).

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and notes the proposed removal of one Acacia Species tree and the transplanting of the Queensland Bottle Tree as close as possible to the existing location upon completion of the trench works.

Whilst the Department notes that the impact and removal of the Acacia Species tree within Sydney Park is unable to be avoided, it understands that consultation has been undertaken with the City of Sydney and the findings of the arborist report and replacement planting agreement (including compensation) have been presented and agreed with City of Sydney to support the removal of this tree.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary has agreed to the removal of the one Acacia Species tree and the transplanting of the Queensland Bottle Tree subject to TransGrid providing the additional information City of Sydney has requested in relation to a transplant methodology for the Queensland Bottle Tree and provision of compensatory payment.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact May Patterson on 8275 1190 or at may.patterson@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Nicole Brewer', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Nicole Brewer
Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary