

## **INTRODUCTION**

My name is Paul Bouchier and with my wife Libby, I reside at apartment 1306/2A Henrietta Street, Waverley NSW 2024. It is part of “The Langlee”, a recently completed Mirvac project.

I am a retired arborist who conducted a tree service business for approximately 40 years with the Sydney Metropolitan area, especially Waverley and Woollahra. My focus was on the treatment, preservation and retention of significant trees. My main concern with this proposed development is the impact on significant trees which will be affected by the construction process.

## **CONSTRUCTION IMPACT ON TREES**

### **Tree 76- Port Jackson Fig.**

The care of trees on development sites is outlined in Australian Standards AS 4990. Tree 76 as surveyed in the Developer’s Arborist Report, is a mature fig (*Ficus Rubignosa* or Port Jackson fig). This tree is an excellent example of the species enjoying good health. It is located on the western side of Henrietta Street and will be compromised by construction, because of its proximity to the SRZ (Structural Root Zone) and specifically because of the installation of a stormwater sump within the TPZ (Tree Protection Zone). This could seriously affect the vigour and stability of this tree. The TPZ is disclosed in the Developer’s Arborist Report.

Additionally, the proposal to excavate and construct a large retaining wall, plus an at grade car park adjacent to this tree will put the tree at significant risk, in my view.

Loss of this tree is a major concern for many in the Waverley precinct including the residents of The Langlee who enjoy westerly and/or south westerly aspects and amenity from their apartments.

In my opinion, the proposed stormwater sump should be located well away from tree 76 and the proposed at grade carpark adjacent to this tree, should be deleted.

### **Tree 68 – Port Jackson Fig**

This is another fig like tree 76. It is also a mature, healthy specimen and is proposed to be removed as it falls within the footprint of the proposed building works. Such fig trees have a 150 year plus lifespan which is considerably longer than its 35 year age mentioned. It is regrettable that this tree is to be removed and makes the retention of Tree 76 even more important.

## CONCLUSION

The education needs of future generations is important and we are supportive of the development of Waverley College **subject to the amendments I have discussed.** Waverley College is a prestigious institution, well known to our family. Our four sons attended this College spanning 28 years and a grandson is enrolled to attend the junior school next year.

Submitted in good faith

Sincerely yours,

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