

I object strongly to the proposed location of the carriage stabling area, located literally on my back fence, for the following reasons:

- (1) Impact on visual amenity. My visual amenity will be adversely affected by the proposed stabling facility and the loss of several mature Moreton Bay Fig trees (*ficus macrophyla*) that feature prominently in the view from the house.
- (2) Impact of noise. Given the close proximity of the proposed carriage stabling area, my enjoyment of the property will be adversely impacted by the noise associated with construction and operation of the proposed facility.
- (3) Loss of Flying Fox habitat. The large Moreton Bay fig trees proposed for removal to make way for the carriage stabling area provide habitat for several hundred Flying Fox. The Conservation Management Plan (Map 4) of the DCP for the redevelopment of Royal Randwick Racecourse identifies the trees as 'a group of three mature specimens' and categorises them as being of 'exceptional significance'. Moreover, the habitat provided by the trees is becoming increasingly rare in the Sydney basin and, without active measures being taken to preserve that habitat, the Flying Fox colony will be at heightened risk. The Flying Fox colony adds considerably to my enjoyment of the property.

I note also that the current EIS provides a false impression of the environmental impact of the proposed stabling facility. Only one of the mature Moreton Bay Fig trees impacted by the proposed stabling facility is identified anywhere in the EIS. The several other Moreton Bay Fig trees (those behind the properties on Doncaster Avenue that will be most severely affected by the stabling yard) are not identified in Chapter 15, nor are they listed in the tree survey assessment sheets in Appendix C of Technical Paper 9 of Vol. 5. In the aerial photograph presented in Figure 15.21a, they are not even visible, having been obscured by orange block shading. The false impression created by the current document is so serious that it jeopardises the integrity of the process. For that reason, an amended EIS should be issued, at least in respect of the proposed stabling facility, with a further period for consultation being provided.