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Flying-Foxes are not important to many Sydneysiders, but they are endemic to Sydney and critical to the well-being of the local natural environment, including the propagation of native flora. There are very few places where their habitat causes no distress to any humans. These three trees are one of these few precious places.

Possibly the stabling of the trams could be done in the old tram tunnels under the Menzies Hotel, thus leaving these beautiful trees intact for all, including the Flying-Foxes, to enjoy. Alternatively, the relocation of the stabling to the South Eastern Corner of the racecourse, and the relocation of the light rail line onto the racecourse land (inside the significant line of trees down Wansey Rd), as recommended by Randwick City Council, would ameliorate the problem significantly.

Yours sincerely,



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#### Table 15.23 Overview of planted trees within the Randwick Precinct

##### "Randwick stabling facility site

The Randwick stabling facility site contains approximately 50 trees within the tree study area. Dominant plantings on the site comprise evergreen Brush Boxes and scattered plantings of invasive species, such as Wild Olive and Blackberry. The condition of the brush boxes is generally considered to be good, with all trees displaying well-formed healthy crowns typical of the tree species. The Randwick stabling facility site also contains a large Moreton Bay Fig at the western end of the site. This tree is considered to be in good condition, displaying a broad, well-formed crown of healthy foliage."

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There is no mention of the other three Figs of significant heritage value, although they are blocked out in Orange. There is also no mention that the Wild Olives in this particular location are listed on the Randwick City Council's (2007) Register of Significant Trees. (Pg 116)