

1 September 2016
The Hon Rob Stokes MP
Minister for Planning
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister

**Modification to Scottish Hospital
Seniors Housing and Care Facility MP10_0016**

I write in support of community concern about proposed modifications to this development, which include construction of a theatre in the internal void and the addition of photovoltaic cells on the Brown Street building and changes to landscaping including additional tree removal.

There are longstanding community concerns about overdevelopment of this site, loss of remnant rainforest and historic gardens and tree canopy, notwithstanding community support for the approved aged care accommodation. There is particular concern about further proposals for tree removal and relocation.

Constituents who have contacted me point out that there is no arborist justification for the proposed relocation of palm trees from across the site to the Stephen Street boundary where they will be interspersed with Weeping Lilly Pilly trees. They say the relocation would result in an unrelieved visual presentation of the large industrial building approved for Stephen Street. They also say it is inconsistent with the approval Condition D7 which requires protection of the previous extensive gardens.

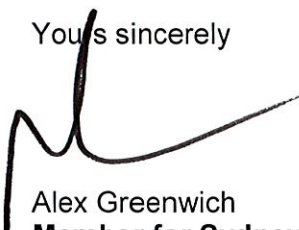
My constituents are concerned about the proposed removal of trees 5 (mature Camphor Laurel), 127 (Port Jackson Fig), 133 (Magenta Lilly Pilly) and 130 (Sydney Red Gum) which are highly valued by the Paddington community and retained under consent conditions. Removal of these trees would add significantly to the already approved loss, leaving little tree cover from what was an historic garden.

My constituents are concerned that all advanced replacement trees be planted as early as possible. According to them, the large heritage listed Port Jackson Fig Tree 18 has been removed but no replacement planted.

I share constituents' concern about another group of trees requested for removal to make construction easier. The trees are an essential part of this important heritage site within heritage Paddington and I support their call for all current trees to be retained with landscape plan amendments 3, 4 and 5 refused.

Could you please ensure the protection of remaining trees and green landscaping in the Scottish Hospital development and inform me what action you will take?

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich
Member for Sydney

CC: Alexander Scott, Department of Planning and Environment

