



NSW Department of Planning and Environment  
L22, 320 Pitt St  
Sydney, NSW 2000

**RE: Section 75W modification to Scottish Hospital (MP 10\_0016 MOD3) Item 3 Trees**

Dear Mr Lusher,

I am writing to you regarding the recent application for modification of an existing approval that requests the replacement of the proposed palms to the Stephen St frontage with additional Weeping Lilly Pilly (*Waterhousea floribunda*).

The original approval of 2012 granted the removal of very substantial and established tree canopy from the Stephen St boundary, 25 substantial and medium sized trees of a variety of species both weed and indigenous species were removed and with their removal a significant urban green canopy was also lost. This green canopy provided a shaded recreational corridor for local residents walking to Rushcutters Bay and also provided a significant cooling effect to the immediate area, both of these 'community assets' have been lost as a result of the original approval.)

Additional to the original approval that required staged removal of indigenous tree species from Stephen St the applicant sought additional approval from Woollahra Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015. This resulted in the immediate removal of a number of the last two remaining trees on Stephen St that were required to be kept under the original approval so as to maintain some tree cover to Stephen St, these are T36 and T39 in the original approval documents (DoP Major Projects website - Determination – Approved Landscape Plans Sheets 1-10) as shown on 'approval drawing' Location Plan sk-01 Rev. B from Aspect Landscape Studios.

The overall process appears to be one of general stealth involving the steady and persistent removal of all trees of any reasonable size. The applicant was obviously aware that the total removal of all trees would have stalled or made the original application unsuccessful, so this has now been achieved via a three step process with the total removal of all large trees the end goal.

Please reinstate the original requirement that stipulates that replacement of the previously agreed trees as approved, and they be of reasonable size and substance, not some flimsy palm.

I am the owner of [REDACTED], and can be contacted on [REDACTED] for any further comment.

Yours Sincerely

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