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Like so many residents, I was deeply saddened and disappointed by the sale of Graythwaite Estate. Such a unique community asset should not have been sold to private interests. However I was reassured by the purchase going to a school. Surely they would see it as their duty to be proper custodians of the land and be sensitive to the neighborhood that they have long been a part of. Certainly statements by Shore after the purchase indicated this would be the case.

My naivet? was revealed by the recent development proposal submitted by Shore Grammar School. Rather than limiting their efforts to restoring the existing buildings, it?s clear they intend to greatly increase the footprint and scale of buildings and the supporting infrastructure. As part of that effort (the first stage of an even bigger plan?) they are asking that 80 trees be destroyed.

One of the primary concerns of residents has been to try and keep this crucial piece of habitat intact for North Sydney. The estate is an oasis for a wide variety of species that have been pushed to the wall by the density of development in this area. No doubt Shore has very highly paid consultants who will insist that what they are doing will not have a significant impact on the environment. But the loss of trees, the addition of many large new buildings, the increased levels of human traffic and intervention - all will certainly be a huge blow to the environment.

I for one was willing to give Shore the benefit of the doubt in hopes they would do the right thing for the land, the environment and the surrounding neighborhood. This proposal by Shore is a slap in the face to all those ideals. Shore is moving down a path where their school motto will need to be changed to ?Teaching the Price of Everything and the Value of Nothing?.

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