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**Ref: NSWRL Centre of Excellence**

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Attention: Mr Andrew McConnell

Dear Andrew,

**RE: EXISTING TREES TO DAWN FRASER AVE, SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK NSW –  
NSWRL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

The site for the proposed NSWRL Centre of Excellence building is currently maturing as public open space with predominately native tree landscaping with little to no understory planting. The trees are a mixture of native species planted as part of Sydney Olympic Park Authorities (SOPA) landscape works for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and are not representative of a remnant vegetation community. The trees are generally in good health and in their current location provide visual amenity to underutilised public open space.

Within the proposed buildings foot print and on grade car park there are 32 trees varying in age from 15 years to less than 10 years which will require removal as part of the works. Outside of the proposed building and car park footprint we have identified a further 8 semi mature native trees located in the existing asphalt footpath and adjoining nature strip and are of varying heights with an average age of approximately 15 years. These trees are seemingly randomly planted without a uniform structure to the street verge and as such do not present well to the street. It is proposed to remove these trees and replant with a more structured street tree design in order to provide an improved streetscape amenity and presentation of the building to the public domain. The removal of these trees has been supported in principle by the public domain representatives of SOPA. It is my recommendation that these 8 trees are removed and replaced with a more formal street tree planting scheme with a more appropriate street tree to SOPA's selection.

We have also identified another 12 Eucalyptus trees within the adjoining athlete's stadium grounds that may be impacted by the proposed development. Of the 12 semi mature trees, six fall within the deconstruction zone of the existing retaining wall and will need to be removed as part of the car park works. The remaining six that may be impacted by the construction of a new retaining wall will need to be protected and

retained. These trees will be subject to further investigation once the construction method of the new retaining wall has been developed and finalised.

Yours faithfully,  
PLACE Design Group

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Kohn', written in a cursive style.

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*Design Lead, Associate - Landscape Architect*  
*Cc Steven Holmes – PLACE Design Group Sydney*