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**Andrew Kulasingham**  
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**Re: Bowral Hospital SSDA Queries**

Dear Andrew

Please find below responses to SSDA queries

- *The submitted plant schedule provides that six species of trees are to be planted on site, however there is no indication of the number of trees to be planted or their proposed location on the submitted landscape plans.*

The SSDA plant schedule was an indicative species list, detailed planting design has been undertaken in the DD phase, please refer to updated landscape report for proposed tree species

- *The 'main entry and carpark' landscape plan (drawing no.005, issue C) includes several trees along Mona Road frontage Identified as tree no/s T40-T45, however there is no mention of these trees in the submitted arborist report*

Trees 40-45 were included in an earlier revision of the arborist report, it is possible that they have been removed in the interim and therefore deleted from submitted arborist report.

- *The planting of large trees in the vicinity of electricity infrastructure is not supported by Endeavour Energy. Suitable planting needs to be undertaken in proximity of electricity infrastructure. Only low growing shrubs not exceeding 3.0 metres in height, ground covers and smaller shrubs, with non-invasive root systems are the best plants to use. Larger trees should be planted well away from electricity infrastructure (at least the same distance from overhead power lines as their potential full grown height) and even with underground cables, be installed with a root barrier around the root ball of the plant. Landscaping that interferes with electricity infrastructure may become a potential safety risk, cause of bush fire, restrict access or result in the interruption of supply. Such landscaping may be subject to Endeavour Energy's Vegetation Management program and/or the provisions of the Electricity Supply Act 1995 (NSW) Section 48 'Interference with electricity works by trees' by which under certain circumstances the cost of carrying out such work may be recovered.*

*Please find attached for the applicant's reference a copy Endeavour Energy's 'Guide to Fencing, Retaining Walls and Maintenance Around Padmount Substations'*

No trees or planting are proposed in the immediate substation area, in the courtyard area south of the easement a hedge, groundcovers and one small Japanese Maple *Acer palmatum* with a mature height of 4m. To the east of the substation low groundcovers and shrubs are proposed to the understory of existing trees.

- *Landscaping and Trees: Although it may be true that the SSDA works will require only one tree to be removed, this is an intentionally misleading statement because the Landscaping Plans (Appendix 12) show there were/will be approximately 30 trees of various sizes removed in the Early Works, many of which were not required to be removed for the Early Works themselves, but to clear the site for the CSB works. The Landscape Plan shows three more that are likely not to survive.*

The tree locations noted for removal as part of the early works are necessary for the building siting. With regards to the 3 trees noted as not likely for survival every effort has been made in the design of the driveway and parking adjacent to ensure the construction and finished design will not adversely affect the trees this included minimizing carparking space



lengths and raising up levels as to not require excessive excavation. Further design and construction within the area around the trees will be subject to arborist review and supervision.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any further queries.

Kind regards,  
Site Image (NSW) Pty Ltd

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

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Director

