

Statement of Environmental Effects – Tree Removal

This report is prepared and written by the owners of this address:

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1. Site Details

- Property Address: 43 Old Pittwater Rd, Brookvale NSW 2100
- Lot and DP: Lot 18 DP35184
- Zoning: Warringah LEP2011 – Land Zoned R3 Medium Density Residential
- Council Area: Northern Beaches Council

2. Proposal

The proposal involves the removal of 4 tree(s) located on the subject property. The trees proposed for removal are:

- Tree 1: Lilly Pilly (*Syzygium smithii*) approx. 6.5m high, located on Eastern elevation Funda St boundary.
- Tree 2: Native Daphne (*Pittosporum undulatum*) approx. 7.0m high, located on the Northern elevation Old Pittwater Rd boundary.
- Tree 3: Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*.) approx.. 12.0m high, located on the Northern elevation Old Pittwater Rd boundary
- Tree 4: Tea Tree (*Leptospermum* spp.) approx.. 7.0m high, located on the Northern elevation Old Pittwater Rd boundary

3. Justification for Removal

The trees are proposed for removal due to the following reasons:

- Safety concerns (e.g. limb drop, leaning)
- Interference with proposed construction works (Attached architectural plans)
- Likely impact from the proposed construction upon the trees
- Arborist recommendation (Attached Arborist Report)

4. Environmental Assessment

a) Flora and Fauna

- The removal is not expected to significantly affect native flora or fauna.
- The site is not part of a mapped biodiversity corridor or critical habitat.

b) Visual Impact

- Minimal visual impact anticipated due to:
 - Retention of surrounding vegetation
 - Replacement planting (if applicable)

c) Soil Erosion and Stability

- No adverse impacts expected. Ground will be stabilised post-removal.
- No major excavation or grading associated with this removal.

d) Heritage Impact

- The site is/is not listed as a heritage item.
- The tree is/is not subject to heritage or significant landscape protection.

5. Mitigation Measures

- Replacement planting of suitable native species is proposed where possible.
- Works will be carried out by a qualified and insured arborist in accordance with AS 4373-2007.
- Soil protection measures during removal to prevent erosion.

6. Consultation

- Consultation with neighbours was/was not undertaken.
- No objections are anticipated.

7. Conclusion

The proposed tree removal is considered to have minimal environmental impact, is consistent with the relevant planning controls, and has been justified on safety/environmental/structural grounds. Appropriate mitigation will be implemented.

8. Attachments

- Site Plan showing tree locations
- Arborist Report (if available)