



Tuesday 15th October 2024

Mr. R Crosbie & Mr. A Galanis
Metis Group
C/O Ms. C Miller
3 Fairlight Cres
Fairlight NSW 2094

To whom it may concern,

RE: LANDSCAPE DESIGN STATEMENT FOR 3 FAIRLIGHT CRES, FAIRLIGHT

This letter is to support the landscape proposal for the development application for the above-mentioned project.

The landscape proposal incorporates a carefully selected planting palette designed to effectively respond to the different microclimates throughout the site, and ground the new development in its surrounding context. The aim of the proposed landscape is to help reduce the visual impact of the built form and provide green relief to the residents of the building and the neighbouring complexes.

The entry to the site is narrow battle axe style driveway which allows for a small window view to the building. An existing mature street tree provides screening to the built form from the road, which is aided by landscaping proposed above the car lift used to create green relief at the upper level, and provide privacy to the residents.

The landscape wraps around the northern, eastern and southern boundaries, with small pockets of greenery along the western boundary to maintain the view corridor to the water between No. 3 and No. 5 Fairlight Cres. A mix of native trees and tree ferns are proposed in the North Eastern corner of the property to create screening between the proposed building and the northern neighbours, and reduce the scale of the structure. The landscape areas along the northern and eastern perimeters of the building are subterranean in nature and provide lower levels of light. This area requires plantings that are conducive to low light conditions and forest floor/rainforest plant communities. A range of exotics are suggested where appropriate in conjunction with lush native species to ensure a long-term evergreen appearance and the prevention of weed growth.

The waterfront elevation of the building is strategically softened and framed by the landscape design with hedge planting and feature palms bookending the building, being mindful to maintain existing view lines. Mass planting of wetland typical grasses along the rear boundary ensure a sustainable landscape design that responds to the natural overland flow and drainage of the site. A higher percentage of natives is proposed in the waterfront landscape to foster a harmonious connection to the local biodiversity of the surrounding Fairlight Beach precinct. Natural existing rock features that protrude from the site and characterise the adjacent shoreline are integrated into the landscape proposal through the use of feature boulders to create a seamless flow between the site and surrounding landscape.

The balcony plantings are designed to include low water usage succulents as well as mass-planted native grasses to deal with the highly exposed conditions such as full sun and wind. To future-proof the maintenance strategy, spillover plantings have been specified in strategic locations of facades to best provide greenery and soften the built form where needed.



Overall, the landscape design has been carefully considered to the site-specific natural setting and designed accordingly for long-term increased biodiversity and landscape amenity.

If you require any further information, please contact the office.

Yours sincerely,

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

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