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Fairlight NSW 2094

RE: DA2024/1562 - 5 Lauderdale Avenue FAIRLIGHT NSW 2094

Sir,

The proposed plans, if approved, will result in a significant loss of trees and other flora and will adversely affect the visual amenity of the neighbouring properties especially given the site's proximity to the very beautiful Fairlight Beach which is enjoyed and admired by many locals and visitors.

In their Arboricultural Impact Assessment Report prepared by Jacksons Nature Works, they identified 16 trees that are currently on the site, yet per the development plans submitted (refer to page 6 of the Amended Master Plans file), it would appear that all of the trees and palms currently on the site will be removed to make way for the planned redevelopment of the site!

In his report, Mr Jackson dismisses the value of the magnificent Norfolk Island pine (standing at approximately 18m) as "Its significance should be reduced by the fact this tree is not from the mainland of Australia - origin from Norfolk Island in the South Pacific Ocean." I doubt that anyone who lives on the Northern Beaches would agree that the Norfolk Island pines along the Northern Beaches are insignificant and can be removed to make way for development.

I do appreciate that the tree is straddling an easement, but as there has been no apparent damage in the past 60 or so years, that seems insufficient grounds on which to remove the tree. And if it was to create a problem, it's just as likely the damage could be repaired whilst preserving the tree.

The Northern Beaches Council's Community Strategic Plan includes several mentions of the Council's commitment to protecting the environment and environmental sustainability so let's see this commitment in action.

The trees on the site could and should be preserved if the development plans were amended.