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Dear NBC

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I wish to register my concern regarding the proposed tree removal as part of this DA. Seeking approval to remove **70 trees** to accommodate this over-development in this important wildlife corridor street is not only excessive it is wholly inconsistent with both the spirit and policy of our local development, environmental and tree controls.

I take particular issue with the developers request and justification for removal of 4 locally native **road reserve trees** (T17, T17A, T17B, & T18) for a driveway and the removal of T19 T35, 35A, 23, 23A & B because they happen to exist where the developer wishes to build. Both unacceptable impacts and justifications in my opinion.

What worries me most however, is not the developer's requests (protection of our local environment would appear well down their list) but the departmental responses to these requests, specifically:

Landscape Referral Response : "an acceptable level of impact on trees"

and

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity: "retains or replaces native onsite canopy trees"

I would like to know by which measure the Landscape Referral determines 'acceptable'. It would have to be a very low bar, and surely inconsistent with general community expectations regarding council enforced tree protection in Pittwater.

I also shake my head that the Natural Environment Response uses the terms '**retains or replaces**' in the same sentence to justify approval of canopy protection. I would love to know how this department would ensure the equivalent replacement of trees lost. Will they require the developers to crane in and plant equivalently mature trees on the same day the others are removed, and ensure their survival into the future? We all know that tree replacement programs are completely ineffectual and serve only as a paper justification for tree removals.

I am not against development per se, but this application falls well short of both the spirit and control measures required for development in our environmental sensitive area and therefore should be rejected by Council.

Kind Regards, David

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