

Our Ref: 18LIG07

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Attention: Mr O Guzman



Dear Oscar

Re: Hollow-bearing issue – Frenchs Forest Cemetery Chapel and Function Centre

Northern Beaches Council have provided correspondence on 18/09/2020 with regards to the proposed development application at Frenchs Forest Cemetery and the submitted Biodiversity Development Assessment Report prepared by this firm dated April 2020.

Council made a comment regarding hollow-bearing trees; "The report also states that one hollow-bearing tree will be removed, although this tree is not identified within the biodiversity or arboricultural reports nor is it indicated on any plans."

The location of said hollow-bearing tree that was initially proposed for removal is located at Northing 6265019 / Easting 334634 shown on the figure below in red.



Figure 1 – Location of hollow-bearing tree initially proposed for removal

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The tree is a relatively large *Angophora costata* noted to have a branch spout of approximately 20-30cm in width. The tree has been previously pruned and ring-barked. Given its close location to a proposed entry/exit road from the proposed chapel, it was deemed likely to be removed in the BDAR as the structural root zone, or alternatively too much of the tree protection zone was possibly considered to be affected.

The tree in question appears to correspond to T202 of the Arborist's report and looks like that shown on Figure 2. The Arborist report dated March 2020 states that the tree has a low retention value and changes to the design of the development is not warranted. The report provides no detail as to the impacts upon the structural root zone, however states that the tree is to be retained with generic protection requirements.

Given the above statement, the BDAR will be amended to reflect that no hollow-bearing trees will be impacted by the proposal.



Figure 2 – Hollow-bearing tree (Arborist tree T202)

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on (02) 4340 5331 or at info@traverseecology.com.au

Yours faithfully

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