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To: General Manager
and Alex Keller

As nearby residents and previous respondents to this proposed development we recently returned to the DA webpage to see what progress has been made on Council's assessment. You will be aware that the common thread of the resident submissions was concern about the impact of the development on views, privacy and overshadowing, so it was particularly disappointing and distressing to read the proposed landscape conditions drafted by Council's Landscape team.

We comment as follows:

Landscape Works Completion

i) requires the developers to plant 1 eucalyptus haemastoma in the road verge between the driveways to replace an existing bottlebrush

Comment: the proposed tree, commonly known as a scribbly gum, grows to 15 metres and will not only significantly add to the visual impact of the development but is totally inconsistent with the existing verge plantings notwithstanding that it is in Council's Street Tree Masterplan. This tree was not considered in the View Sharing Assessment and is totally inconsistent with the statement in the Landscape Referral Response requiring the developers to position plantings "...to minimise any significant loss of views."

ii) requires the developers to plant "1 x native tree...along the western boundary within the frontage...to achieve a mature height of 6 metres"

Comment: The view corridor down the western boundary is pretty much all that will remain of our current views to North Harbour if the development proceeds. The addition of this large tree as required by the proposed condition will destroy this treasured part of the outlook from our property.

The proposed conditions are ill considered, poorly researched and inconsistent with the reviewer's stated objectives of minimising the loss of views.

We ask that Council, not only take seriously our original comments on the developer's DA submission, but also ensure that any Council imposed conditions, such as those in the Landscape Referral Response do not increase the already adverse impacts off the proposed development.

Regards

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