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28 February 2019

Monica Guadagnino & Warren McAuley
19 Loxton Place
Forestville NSW 2087

To whom it may concern,

**TREE IDENTIFICATION AND REMOVAL RECOMMENDATION:
19 Loxton Place, Forestville NSW**

This letter has been commissioned by Monica Guadagnino and Warren McAuley to determine the condition and usefulness of one tree located within the front yard of 19 Loxton Place, Forestville. The tree is located within the front garden, adjacent the existing driveway. An arborist site visit or tree inspection was undertaken on 27 February 2019.

Following my site inspection, I can confirm that the subject tree *Eucalyptus scoparia* (Wallangarra White Gum) displays fair to good vigour, however its structural integrity has been compromised by wood decay. Fruiting bodies, or bracket fungi, were observed within an open wound located on the eastern bough. Decay is caused by a succession of fungi that digest cell wall components. This in turn weakens the structure of the tree resulting in a hazardous structure. Unless confined by compartmentalization, decay fungi can invade heartwood for considerable vertical distances, regardless of openings.

I believe the tree is a high risk and at the end of its useful life and see no realistic potential for it to improve. I therefore strongly recommend its removal.

It should be noted that the subject tree *Eucalyptus scoparia* exempt from Northern Beaches Council's Tree Preservation Order.

*'This species is suitable for removal without consent unless it is identified as a
Heritage item or within a Heritage area.'*

For further information regarding the subject tree, please contact Naturally Trees.

Yours sincerely

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