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Northern Beaches Council  
Development and Planning  
Att: Claire Ryan

**RE: DA2021/1802 – 11 Bertana Crescent, Warriewood**

I am writing to you with regards the above DA and the large gum tree that is in the proposed construction zone.

My husband and I acknowledge that the tree is large and under usual circumstances it would be optimal to retain it. However this development is not simply to create more living space. A few years ago my husband was involved in an accident and sustained a severe traumatic brain injury. He has associated disabilities. Raising the deck to create a terrace at the same level as the current living spaces would allow him to have easier and safer access to the outdoors. The rumpus room below the terrace would be utilised, in part, to create a rehabilitation/gym area for him to continue much needed physiotherapy etc.

Over the past few years that we have lived in the house, the tree has been a concern for us and our neighbours in number 9. Large branches hang over both properties and we have been worried in times of high wind or rain that limbs may drop. Particularly as we have noticed a 'scar' developing on one of the major trunks. We both have children and dogs and want to eliminate any chance of damage or injury.

We also installed solar panels this year. We were unable to install more as the tree canopy covered a large section of the roof. We would like to install more. Since the panels were installed, we have saved emissions to the equivalent of planting 27 trees.

We had not initially included the removal of the tree on the DA as we intended to remove it once the construction was complete as the tree would then fall within 2m of an approved building, as per information gained on council's website.

We hope you agree that there would be many benefits to us being able to proceed with this building work, including removal of the tree.

Kind regards

*Angela Curgenven*