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Application Number: DA2025/0075 - 114 Old Pittwater Road, Brookvale

To whom it may concern

I would like to bring to your attention the presence of cockatoo flocks that roost in the Sydney Blue Gum trees proposed for removal via this Application DA2025/0075. This is not limited to a single pair; in fact, I estimate that Hundreds of cockatoos use these Sydney Blue Gum trees as their nightly resting site.

The location of these large mature trees within the industrial area is particularly advantageous for the cockatoos and us humans, as the screeching at dawn and dusk does not disturb sleeping residential homes. This industrial site also provides the cockatoos with a safe and undisturbed environment for roosting.

It is important to note that birds like the Australian cockatoos are increasingly losing their natural habitat within Sydney, making the preservation of such mature Sydney Blue Gum trees even more crucial to their survival on the Northern Beaches.

The main and preferred tree that the cockatoos use to roost within this property is 'Tree #1' listed in the AIA. This tree has the largest canopy and possibly is the oldest one which is proposed for removal. Please consider the impact on our Northern Beaches wildlife, when evaluating the removal of these mature trees, as they are critical to the Cockatoo's habitat/well-being and would be more beneficial if this particular tree was kept and not removed.

I also take note that the six replacement trees (*Buckinghamia celsissima*) in the Landscape plan are not Indigenous trees to the area of Northern Beaches but to the tropical rainforests of North Eastern Queensland. Would it not be more appropriate to replace Sydney Blue Gum trees with similar size trees that are Indigenous to the Northern Beaches, Brookvale area such as a Sydney Blue Gums?

Kind Regards

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(Please redact all personal details including my name before publishing online. Thank you.)