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41 - 41 Hilltop Road RD  
Avalon NSW 2107  
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**RE: DA2022/1028 - 43 Hilltop Road AVALON BEACH NSW 2107**

1. In relation to DA2022/1028, we are concerned with the safety of a mature spotted gum tree to the rear of and above the subject log cabin structure. The tree overhangs the building and shows external signs of significant disease/distress through probable white ant infestation (imagery can be provided if required) and may pose a safety hazard to any occupants of the building should it fall or shed branches. A falling branch from the same tree caused significant damage to the roof of our own house at #41 Hilltop Road earlier this year (currently the subject of an insurance claim in the order of \$7000). A mature spotted gum to the rear of our house, showing similar signs of distress (white ant infestation), had to be removed in 2020 due to safety concerns (see TA2020/0061). That tree had also shed several very large branches over the last few years and when examined after felling was found to be hollow from the crown downwards. It is recommended that as a minimum, a qualified arborist examine the spotted gum tree at #43 to assess any risk prior to the DA proceeding.

2. The Water Meter for #41 is located on the boundary between the two properties and directly adjacent to the log cabin. It is only accessible from the driveway next to the log cabin. Unimpeded access by the billing authority (Sydney Water) must be maintained.