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Subject: DA2024/0081 Response to Submission

Attention Jordan Howard, Planner.

Dear Jordan,

I am writing in response to the Application to demolish the existing structures on the site of 49 Blackbutts Road. I am one of the owners of 9 Malbara Crescent which backs onto the above property.

I have reviewed the online plans and find the following issues in relation to the existing trees on the property.

1. . It is not clear which trees the applicant is trying to remove. The application states that any trees within 2 metres of any buildings will be removed automatically. As the property has a number of buildings, it would be very easy to remove a great many trees within the any of the two metre radius' of any of those buildings. We could end up losing a number of trees by this method, which should be preserved/maintained.
2. .As the applicant is not informing us where the new houses are going to go, it is uncertain if they will then apply to remove more trees in the future to put the new houses on. This "two stage" process will allow for a greater number of trees to be removed than should actually happen.

I would like council to address this with the applicant and confirm that all existing trees be kept at this time. I do appreciate that this may increase the cost of the applicant's demolition, however, as we do not know where the houses are going to go, this seems to be the only way in which we can maintain the existing trees we have in our neighbourhood.

As we have owned our property on Malbara Crescent for almost 15 years, we are very aware of how the Australian wildlife uses this area for their survival. It is lovely to hear the native wildlife and know they are there. Without maintaining the existing, larger trees, we are adversely affecting the wildlife around us.

There have also been a number of very hot days recently and I have realised how much cooler our houses can be, when there are trees around us to soak up some of that heat. It would be a shame to remove these existing larger trees and then have to wait another 20 years to try and get something similar back.

I hope that council will take this into consideration and insist that the existing trees be maintained, so that a proper evaluation of the situation can be made, once we know where the new houses will go.

Regards,
Graham Payne and Rebecca Gotelee