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Anna,

Further to my discussion with the Northern Beaches Council on 9 October 2019 on 1300 434 434, I was advised to provide notification in writing, to state my specific concerns and request for confirmation via this email address and attention to yourself.

We refer to **Application No: DA 2019/0753** related to 14 Garraween Avenue reviewed by Northern Beaches Council ("**Proposed Development**").

As discussed, I recently engaged an AQF Level 5 arborist in connection with an unrelated matter. As part of this process, it was brought to our attention that it appears that consideration has been missed on the Proposed Development, with respect to the impacts to a tree on our property which is located three meters from the Proposed Development site.

Our arborist's review of the Proposed Development application did not identify a consulting arborists impact assessment report with respect to this tree's canopy and roots. We are concerned that compliance with the Australian Standard (AS) 4970-2009, Protection of Trees on Development Sites, has not been considered.

I'm also wary of any liability which could arise from damage to property or persons if the roots of the tree are damaged during building, which our arborist has advised us could result in the tree dropping branches or failing completely on either property. I am concerned that the appropriate steps have not been taken to consider the impacts on the tree and ensure the tree will be managed and protected during the development process. As such, I feel the need to put this is writing and formally put the Northern Beaches Council on notice. Additionally, as the original development proposal contained a number of errors, we felt it prudent to raise.

I'm concerned that this consideration may have been missed and would like the council to confirm:

- 1. if this has been expressly considered; and
- 2. for the Development Application to include appropriate planning and procedures to protect the tree during and beyond the development process.

We look forward to your confirmation and response.

Regards Stuart

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