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Fairlight NSW 2094

**RE: DA2024/1774 - 15 Baltic Street FAIRLIGHT NSW 2094**

Landscaping

As a property owner of 17 Baltic Street, Fairlight, the owners and strata committee would like to raise a few concerns regarding the Landscaping proposal for 15 Baltic Street, in particular two species of trees, one currently existing and one planned.

The existing large Crepe Myrtle on the western side of the 15 Baltic Street property currently overhangs into 17 Baltic Street causing issues such as flower and leaf fall into the roof and common clothesline and garbage area at the rear of 17 Baltic. When the flowers fall and if there is any rain, the slippery flowers are a hazard for the residents when they use this common area. As an owner it requires constant clean-up to prevent slips and falls as the flowers create a thick carpet. A discussion has been held with the owner of 13 and 15 Baltic Street in the past expressing concern regarding the Crepe Myrtle and the amount it overhangs into 17 Baltic Street. The gutters of 17 Baltic Street also fill up with leaves, flowers and twigs from this Crepe Myrtle.

We would request that if the Crepe Myrtle is to remain then it be trimmed and kept pruned to a height that it does not continue to be a hazard and safety concern to 17 Baltic Street.

In regards to the proposed planting of a Water Gum (*Tristania laurina*), this species of tree can pose problems due to their potentially invasive root systems, which can damage foundations and pipes if planted too close to structures, as well as their large canopy that may drop branches during storms, causing potential hazards. The owners of 17 Baltic Street ask that the proposed development reconsider this type of tree especially as it is to be planted close to neighbouring properties.

Thank you.