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01 May 2023

To: Northern Beaches Council
Attn: Jordan Howard

Dear Jordan,

Re: DA 2023/0225
Demolition works and construction of a new dwelling at
891 Pittwater Road, Collaroy

Further to our previous submission regarding the proposed dwelling at 891 Pittwater Road, we also have some concerns regarding aspects of the accompanying landscape design. Specifically, two areas of planting along the eastern boundary shared with our property. These are six (6) *Callistemon citrinus* (Crimson Bottlebrush) proposed at the front of their site and a *Banksia integrifolia* (Coastal Banksia Tree) at the rear of their site. We have DA approval for new landscaping for our garden, including a swimming pool and believe that planting of these species will have significant impact on our existing garden and even more so our new garden when we have completed the pool and landscaping.

At the front of their site the Landscape Plan shows six (6) *Callistemon citrinus* (Crimson Bottlebrush). These plants grow to a mature height of four (4) metres and spread to a similar width, growing with a loose straddling habit. These shrubs will grow significantly higher than the fence and branches will overhang our existing pedestrian path and also our new path which run along this boundary. We predict that these plants will continually drop leaf and bottlebrush litter directly onto our path. Not only will the leaves and the dye in the red flowers stain our path, they will also create a slip hazard in wet weather. **We request that this species be replaced with a more suitable, compact hedging plant.**

At the north west corner of the site the Landscape Plan shows a *Banksia integrifolia* (Coastal Banksia Tree) 'Feature Tree'. This tree will grow to a mature height of 15 metres and a spread of six (6) metres. We have DA approval for a swimming pool immediately adjacent to where this large tree is proposed. Our pool was designed taking into account the existing planting on the neighbouring property and is located to maximise its access to sunshine. Our garden is shaded through the morning and in the afternoon only gets sun in the corner where we plan to build our pool. A 15 metre high *Banksia* tree located directly next to our boundary would completely block sun to our swimming pool and the surrounding private open space. In addition to our concerns about the shading, branches on this tree will overhang our pool and drop leaf and banksia flower litter in the pool and onto the surrounding paving. As with our concerns with the planting at front, litter from this tree will be unsightly and unsafe and will require a significant amount of ongoing maintenance. We are also concerned about the possible damage that the roots of this large tree could do to the structure of our swimming pool. Northern Beaches Council's Tree guide says: *"Don't plant too close to buildings or in-ground pools. Large trees should be planted at least four (4) metres away"*. This 15 metre tall *Banksia* tree will be planted less than two (2) metres away from our swimming pool. **We believe this large tree is not an appropriate species for this position in their garden and request that it be removed from the proposed landscape design.**

Yours sincerely,

DA and HL McKell
893 Pittwater Road, Collaroy NSW 2097