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## Summary

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This report aims to:

- Assess the health and vitality of three trees at the subject site.
- Calculate the impact the proposed development will have on three trees at the subject site.
- Suggest design modifications to retain high to medium value trees on the subject site.
- Suggest construction method modifications to retain high to medium value trees on the subject site.
- Suggest Tree Protection Measures to retain high to medium value trees on the subject site.

The Health, Condition, Retention Value and General data of Tree 1-3 is displayed in (Section 3) Tree Data.

The Developmental Impact Zones are shown in the Tree Impact Plan (Appendix 1) and detailed in the Observation/Impacts (Section 4) of this report.

### Conclusion

Tree 1 and 2 have major incursions to their TPZ by the proposed development, however, with the sensitive construction methods and Tree Protection Measures outlined in Section 5 (Tree Management Plan) of this report, the tree impacts are minimised with no adverse effects expected. Tree 1 and 2 shall be retained and remain healthy and viable into the future.

The incursion to Tree 3 is considered minor with no adverse effects expected. Tree 3 will have will remain viable into the future.

### Recommendations

Adhere to the Tree Management Plan outlined in Section 5 of this report.

## 1. Introduction

Leigh Brennan of Tree Management Strategies was commissioned by Adriano Pupilli Architects to provide an Arboricultural Impact Assessment for three trees at Newport Surf Life Saving Club (Figure 1) as part of a proposed Development Application.

Northern Beaches Council is the consenting authority for the proposed development.

The proposed development includes alterations and additions to the current building.

This report aims to:

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Figure 1: Newport Surf Life Saving Club.



Figure 1: Locality map of the subject site, highlighted in red.

## 2. Method

### 2.1 Site Assessment

From the ground, the following information was recorded and displayed in the Tree Data (Section 3) of this report.

- Tree genus and species.
- Approximate height spread if deemed applicable.
- Trunk diameter at breast height and above the buttress.
- Age class: young, semi mature, mature, over mature.
- Health.
- Condition.

Observations were recorded and photographed.

### 2.2 Research

The following legislation, documents or websites were reviewed:

- The Australian Standard for the Protection of Trees on Development Sites (AS 4970 – 2009).
- Northern Beaches Council Development Control Plan 2013.
- Northern Beaches Council Local Environmental Plan 2013.

## 2.3 Tree Schedule Method

Following the VTA, figures were used to add additional information to the Tree Data (Section 3) with the methods explained below:

### Tree Health

<b>Overall Health (Vigour/Vitality)</b>	Tree vigour is exhibited by crown density, crown cover, leaf colour, leaf size, leaf texture, presence of epicormic growth, ability to withstand predation by pest and disease, resistance and degree of dieback.
<b>Good (Excellent)</b>	Good tree vigour exhibited by no decline in overall health and vigour, height and shape. The specimen is observed to be of excellent condition displaying characteristics that is known for that particular species (what would be the expected condition for that particular species of that age in that location), 0% dieback, full crown density, leaf health, no pest or disease present.
<b>Fair</b>	Fair tree vigour exhibited by moderate decline in overall health and vigour, height and shape. The specimen is observed to be of moderate condition by not displaying characteristics adequately that is known for that particular species (what would be expected for that particular species of that age in that location), less than 10% dieback, 90% of crown foliage density, more than 90% leaf health, acceptable level of pest or disease is evident for the assessing arborist (where it is considered the tree's overall health or condition will not be affected or lead to irreversible decline from pest or disease).
<b>Fair/Poor</b>	Fair to poor tree vigour exhibited by considerable decline in overall health and vigour, height and shape. The specimen is observed to be of less than acceptable condition by not displaying characteristics adequately that is known for that particular species (what would be expected for that particular species of that age in that location), 10-20% dieback, considerable foliage deficiencies, 70-90% foliage density, 70-90% leaf health, pest or disease infestation at acceptable thresholds for the assessing arborist (where it is considered the tree's overall health or condition will not be affected or lead to irreversible decline from pest or disease).
<b>Poor</b>	Poor vigour exhibited by substantial decline in overall health and vigour, height and shape. The specimen is observed to be of poor condition by not displaying characteristics adequately that is known for that particular species (what would be expected for that particular species of that age in that location), 20-30% dieback, considerable

	foliage deficiencies, 50-70% leaf health, pest or disease infestation at unacceptable infestation level that exceeds thresholds for the assessing arborist (where it is considered the tree's overall health or condition will be affected or lead to irreversible decline from pest or disease).
<b>Very Poor</b>	Very poor vigour exhibited by irreversible decline in overall health and vigour, height and shape. The specimen is observed to be of less than acceptable condition by not displaying characteristics adequately that is known for that particular species (what would be expected for that particular species of that age in that location), 15-50% dieback; severe foliage deficiencies; 30-50% density; 30-50% leaf health; pest or disease infestation at severe infestation level that exceeds thresholds for the assessing arborist (where it is considered the tree's overall health or condition will be affected or lead to irreversible decline from pest or disease).
<b>Dead</b>	Dead tree vigour exhibited by complete decline in overall health and vigour, height and shape. The specimen is observed to be dead by not displaying any characteristics adequately that is known for that particular species (what would be expected for that particular species of that age in that location), tree holds less than 15% foliage; branching is dead throughout canopy, pest or disease infestation at severe infestation level that exceeds thresholds for the assessing arborist (where it is considered the tree's overall health or condition will be affected or lead to irreversible decline from pest or disease).

## Tree Condition

<b>Overall Condition (Structure/Stability)</b>	The tree condition as identified by the arborist in regard to defects in structure and stability.
<b>Good</b> (Exceptional specimen)	No damage or decay observed to the root plate, visible basal and /or root flare, stable in ground, well tapered branches with sound open unions. All characteristics within thresholds for the assessing arborist.
<b>Fair</b> (Standard tree – no observable major defects to suggest that there is an increased likelihood of tree or part of tree failure)	Minor damage or decay observed to root plate, trunk or primary branches or branch unions (1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> branch order or scaffolding branch), well-formed branch unions, minor branch end weight or over-extensions within thresholds for the assessing arborist.
<b>Fair/Poor</b>	Moderate damage or decay observed to root plate, trunk or primary branches or branch unions (1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> branch order or scaffolding branch); minimal basal/root flare; acute branch; past branch failure(s); moderate branch end-weight or over-extension approaching thresholds for the assessing arborist.
<b>Poor</b>	Major damage or decay observed to root plate, trunk or primary branches or branch unions (1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> branch order or scaffolding branch) no observable basal and /or root flare; acute branch unions starting to include bark; major branch end-weight or over-extension at or exceeds thresholds for the assessing arborist.
<b>Very Poor</b>	Excessive damage or decay observed to root plate, trunk, primary branch or branch unions (1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> branch order or scaffolding branch), excessive decay or hollows compromising the structural integrity, unstable in ground, excessive branch end-weight, included-bark unions, exceeding thresholds for assessing arborist. Failure probable.
<b>Failed</b>	Failure of root plate or trunk or primary branch or branch unions (1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> branch order or scaffolding branch) or active split between branch unions or severe damage to primary tree structure.



## 2.4 Tree Retention Value Method

### **IACA Significance of a Tree, Assessment Rating System (STARS) © (IACA 2010) ©**

In the development of this document IACA acknowledges the contribution and original concept of the Footprint Green Tree Significance & Retention Value Matrix, developed by Footprint Green Pty Ltd in June 2001.

The landscape significance of a tree is an essential criterion to establish the importance that a particular tree may have on a site. However, rating the significance of a tree becomes subjective and difficult to ascertain in a consistent and repetitive fashion due to assessor bias. It is therefore necessary to have a rating system utilising structured qualitative criteria to assist in determining the retention value for a tree. To assist this process all definitions for terms used in the Tree Significance - Assessment Criteria and Tree Retention Value - Priority Matrix, are taken from the IACA Dictionary for Managing Trees in Urban Environments 2009.

This rating system will assist in the planning processes for proposed works, above and below ground where trees are to be retained on or adjacent a development site. The system uses a scale of High, Medium and Low significance in the landscape. Once the landscape significance of an individual tree has been defined, the retention value can be determined.

#### Tree Significance - Assessment Criteria



#### **High Significance in landscape**

- The tree is in good condition and good vigour. The tree has a form typical for the species.
- The tree is a remnant or is a planted locally indigenous specimen and/or is rare or uncommon in the local area or of botanical interest or of substantial age.
- The tree is listed as a Heritage Item, Threatened Species or part of an Endangered Ecological Community or listed on a council's Significant Tree Register.
- The tree is visually prominent and visible from a considerable distance when viewed from most directions within the landscape due to its size and scale and makes a positive contribution to the local amenity.
- The tree supports social and cultural sentiments or spiritual associations, reflected by the broader population or community group or has commemorative values.
- The tree's growth is unrestricted by above and below ground influences, supporting its ability to reach dimensions typical for the taxa in situ - tree is appropriate to the site conditions.

## **Medium Significance in landscape**

- The tree is in fair-good condition and good or low vigour.
- The tree has form typical or atypical of the species.
- The tree is a planted locally indigenous or a common species with its taxa commonly planted in the local area.
- The tree is visible from surrounding properties, although not visually prominent as partially obstructed by other vegetation or buildings when viewed from the street.
- The tree provides a fair contribution to the visual character and amenity of the local area.
- The tree's growth is moderately restricted by above or below ground influences, reducing its ability to reach dimensions typical for the taxa in situ.

## **Low Significance in landscape**

- The tree is in fair-poor condition and good or low vigour.
- The tree has form atypical of the species.
- The tree is not visible or is partly visible from surrounding properties as obstructed by other vegetation or buildings.
- The tree provides a minor contribution or has a negative impact on the visual character and amenity of the local area.
- The tree is a young specimen which may or may not have reached dimension to be protected by local Tree Preservation orders or similar protection mechanisms and can easily be replaced with a suitable specimen.
- The tree's growth is severely restricted by above or below ground influences, unlikely to reach dimensions typical for the taxa in situ - tree is inappropriate to the site conditions.
- The tree is listed as exempt under the provisions of the local Council Tree Preservation Order or similar protection mechanisms.
- The tree has a wound or defect that has potential to become structurally unsound.
- Environmental Pest/Noxious Weed Species.
- The tree is an Environmental Pest Species due to its invasiveness or poisonous/allergenic properties.
- The tree is a declared noxious weed by legislation.
- Hazardous and or Irreversible Decline.
- The tree is structurally unsound and/or unstable and is considered potentially dangerous.
- The tree is dead, or is in irreversible decline, or has the potential to fail or collapse in full or part in the immediate to short term.

The tree is to have a minimum of three (3) criteria in a category to be classified in that group.


Note: The assessment criteria are for individual trees only, however, can be applied to a mono-cultural stand in entirety.

## Useful Life Expectancy (ULE)

Useful life expectancy (SULE) is a measure of a trees remaining lifespan regarding its health, condition and locality ULE categories were measured as:

- a) Long (greater than 40 years)
- b) Medium (between 15 and 40 years)
- c) Short (between 1 and 15 years)
- d) Dead

## **Tree Retention Value - Priority Matrix**

		Significance				
		1. High Significance in Landscape	2. Medium Significance in Landscape	Significance in Landscape	3. Low Environmental Pest / Noxious Weed Species	Hazardous / Irreversible Decline
Estimated Life Expectancy	1. Long >40 years					
	2. Medium 15-40 Years					
	3. Short <1-15 Years					
	Dead					
<p><u>Legend for Matrix Assessment</u></p> 						
	<p><b>Priority for Retention (High)</b> - These trees are considered important for retention and should be retained and protected. Design modification or re-location of building/s should be considered to accommodate the setbacks as prescribed by the Australian Standard AS4970 Protection of trees on development sites. Tree sensitive construction measures must be implemented e.g. pier and beam etc if works are to proceed within the Tree Protection Zone.</p>					
	<p><b>Consider for Retention (Medium)</b> - These trees may be retained and protected. These are considered less critical; however their retention should remain priority with removal considered only if adversely affecting the proposed building/works and all other alternatives have been considered and exhausted.</p>					
	<p><b>Consider for Removal (Low)</b> - These trees are not considered important for retention, nor require special works or design modification to be implemented for their retention.</p>					
	<p><b>Priority for Removal</b> - These trees are considered hazardous, or in irreversible decline, or weeds and should be removed irrespective of development.</p>					

## **REFERENCES**

Australia ICOMOS Inc. 1999, *The Burra Charter – The Australian ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance*, International Council of Monuments and Sites, [www.icomos.org/australia](http://www.icomos.org/australia)

Draper BD and Richards PA 2009, *Dictionary for Managing Trees in Urban Environments*, Institute of Australian Consulting Arboriculturist (IACA), CSIRO Publishing, Collingwood, Victoria, Australia.

Footprint Green Pty Ltd 2001, *Footprint Green Tree Significance & Retention Value Matrix*, Avalon, NSW Australia, [www.footprintgreen.com.au](http://www.footprintgreen.com.au)

## 2.5 Tree Protection Zone and Structural Root Zone Method

Following the VTA, figures were used to add additional important information to the Tree Data (Section 3) with the methods explained below:

The Structural Root Zone (SRZ) is the area around the base of a tree required for its stability. The woody root growth and soil cohesion in this area are necessary to hold the tree upright; therefore, there are no variations to its size. The SRZ is normally circular with the trunk at its centre and is expressed by its radius in metres (AS – 4970). Due to the potential of causing instability of a tree, it is highly recommended that no roots within its SRZ are pruned or removed. SRZ, which is the area required for tree stability, was calculated as follows: SRZ radius =  $(D \times 50) \times 0.42 \times 0.64$ .

The Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) is the principle means of protecting trees on development sites. The TPZ is a combination of the root area and crown area that requires protection. It is an area isolated from construction disturbance, so that the tree remains viable (AS – 4970). The radius of the TPZ is calculated for each tree by multiplying its DBH x 12. TPZ = DBH x 12 (DBH = trunk diameter measured at 1.4m above ground level). The radius of the TPZ is measured from COT (Centre of the trunk).

### Variations to the Tree Protection Zone (TPZ)

#### *General*

It may be possible to encroach into or make variations to the standard TPZ. Encroachment Includes excavation, compacted fill and machine trenching.

#### *Minor encroachment*

If the proposed encroachment is less than 10% of the area of the TPZ and is outside the SRZ, detailed root investigations should not be required. The area lost to this encroachment should be compensated for elsewhere and contiguous with the TPZ. Variations must be made by the project arborist considering relevant factors. The figures in (Appendix 2) demonstrate some examples of possible encroachment into the TPZ up to 10% of the area.

#### *Major encroachment*

If the proposed encroachment is greater than 10% of the TPZ or inside the SRZ the project arborist must demonstrate that the tree(s) would remain viable. The area lost to this encroachment should be compensated for elsewhere and contiguous with the TPZ. This may require root investigation by non-destructive methods and consideration of relevant factors listed in the Clause.

### 3. Tree Data

<b>Tree No</b>	1		
<b>Genus-Species</b>	Aracaria heterophylla		
<b>Common name</b>	Norfolk Island Pine		
<b>Age</b>	Mature		
<b>Retention value</b>	High		
<b>Landscape Significance</b>	High		
<b>Useful Life Expectancy</b>	Medium		
<b>Condition</b>	Fair/Poor		
<b>Health</b>	Fair/Poor		
<b>General Measurements</b>			
<b>DAB metres (radius) Above buttress</b>	2.06	<b>Height (Metres)</b>	16
<b>DBH metres (radius) Breast Ht</b>	1.01		
<b>Canopy Spread (Metres)</b>			
<b>North</b>	6.00	<b>South</b>	6.00
<b>East</b>	6.00	<b>West</b>	6.00
<b>SRZ Measurements</b>			
<b>SRZ area (Square Metres)</b>	Refer to the Tree Impact Plan	<b>SRZ radius (Metres)</b>	4.48
<b>SRZ Incursion (Square Metres)</b>	Refer to the Tree Impact Plan	<b>SRZ Incursion %</b>	Refer to the Tree Impact Plan
<b>TPZ Measurements</b>			
<b>TPZ area (Square Metres)</b>	Refer to the Tree Impact Plan	<b>TPZ radius (Metres)</b>	12.12
<b>TPZ Incursion (Square Metres)</b>	Refer to the Tree Impact Plan	<b>TPZ Incursion %</b>	Refer to the Tree Impact Plan
<b>Observations / Comments</b>			
<p>Basal Wound observed, basal swelling indicates reaction wood with potential decay. Minor amount of deadwood observed.</p>			



<b>Tree No</b>	2		
<b>Genus-Species</b>	Aracaria heterophylla		
<b>Common name</b>	Norfolk Island Pine		
<b>Age</b>	Mature		
<b>Retention value</b>	High		
<b>Landscape Significance</b>	High		
<b>Useful Life Expectancy</b>	High		
<b>Condition</b>	Fair		
<b>Health</b>	Fair		
<b>General Measurements</b>			
<b>DAB metres (radius)</b>	1.28	<b>Height</b>	25.00
<b>DBH metres (radius)</b>	1.06		
<b>Canopy Spread (Metres)</b>			
<b>North</b>	7.00	<b>South</b>	7.00
<b>East</b>	7.00	<b>West</b>	7.00
<b>SRZ Measurements</b>			
<b>SRZ area (Square Metres)</b>	Refer to the Tree Impact Plan Impact Plan	<b>SRZ radius (Metres)</b>	3.67
<b>SRZ Incursion (Square Metres)</b>	Refer to the Tree Impact Plan	<b>SRZ Incursion %</b>	Refer to the Tree Impact Plan
<b>TPZ Measurements</b>			
<b>TPZ area (Square Metres)</b>	Refer to the Tree Impact Plan	<b>TPZ radius (Metres)</b>	12.72
<b>TPZ Incursion (Square Metres)</b>	Refer to the Tree Impact Plan	<b>TPZ Incursion %</b>	Refer to the Tree Impact Plan
<b>Observations / Comments</b>			
Tree in good health and condition			



<b>Tree No</b>	3		
<b>Genus-Species</b>	Banksia integrifolia		
<b>Common name</b>	Coast Banksia		
<b>Age</b>	Semi-Mature		
<b>Retention value</b>	Medium		
<b>Landscape Significance</b>	Medium		
<b>Useful Life Expectancy</b>	Medium		
<b>Condition</b>	Fair		
<b>Health</b>	Fair		
<b>General Measurements</b>			
<b>DAB metres (radius) Above buttress</b>	0.30	<b>Height (Metres)</b>	8.00
<b>DBH metres (radius) Breast Ht</b>	0.24		
<b>Canopy Spread (Metres)</b>			
<b>North</b>	3.00	<b>South</b>	3.00
<b>East</b>	3.00	<b>West</b>	3.00
<b>SRZ Measurements</b>			
<b>SRZ area (Square Metres)</b>		<b>SRZ radius (Metres)</b>	2.00
<b>SRZ Incursion (Square Metres)</b>		<b>SRZ Incursion %</b>	
<b>TPZ Measurements</b>			
<b>TPZ area (Square Metres)</b>		<b>TPZ radius (Metres)</b>	2.88
<b>TPZ Incursion (Square Metres)</b>		<b>TPZ Incursion %</b>	
<b>Observations / Comments</b>			



## 4. Observations/Impacts

The Health, Condition, Retention Value and General data of Tree 1-3 is displayed in (Section 3) Tree Data of this report.

The Developmental Impact Zones are shown in the Tree Impact Plan (Appendix 1) and detailed below.

### **Tree 1**

Tree 1 is given a High retention value as per IACA Significance of a Tree, Assessment Rating System (STARS) © (IACA 2010) © and has an incursion of 9.02% to its TPZ by the proposed new building envelope and 9.69% by the proposed new paving/hardstand construction, with a combined incursion of 18.71%, refer to the Tree Impact Plan (Appendix 1). To minimise this incursion and ensure Tree 1's on going health, the below tree sensitive construction methods and tree protection measures are recommended.

### **Tree Sensitive construction:**

#### **New Paving/Hardstand**

To minimise root damage to Tree 1, a no dig type hardstand paving construction method is recommended within the TPZ, refer to the Tree Management Plan (Section 5) of this report.

**Tree Protection measures:** A Tree Protection Fence is recommended for Tree 1 as shown on the Tree Impact Plan (Appendix 1) and detailed in the Tree Management Plan (Section 5) of this report.

### **Conclusion:**

With the use of a no dig type paving/hardstand, the incursion to Tree 1 will be reduced to an acceptable level of 9.69% by only considering the excavation required for the building envelope.

With sensitive construction and tree protection measures adhered to, the impact to Tree 1 will be minimal and its health will remain viable into the future.

**Recommendation:** Retain and protect Tree 1 refer to the Tree Management Plan (Section 5) of this report.



## **Tree 2**

Tree 2 is given a High retention value as per IACA Significance of a Tree, Assessment Rating System (STARS) © (IACA 2010) © and has an incursion of 16.2% to its TPZ by the proposed new paving/hardstand construction and 19.58% by the proposed seawall construction, refer to the Tree Impact Plan (Appendix 1).

The theoretical TPZ of Tree 2 currently extends onto the beach area shown in (Figure 3), although roots are theoretically in this area, my professional opinion is the amount of roots will be reduced due to the lack of continuing water and nutrients. The main root mass is thought to be in the area to the west of the trunk.

The permanent anchors highlighted in (Figure 2) are not considered an impact due to their depth and construction method. The anchors commence at approximately 1.5 metres below ground level and finish at approximately 6 metres below existing ground level. The construction method used to install these anchors does not require any excavation.

To minimise this incursion and ensure Tree 2's on going health, the below tree sensitive construction methods and tree protection measures are recommended.

Figure 2

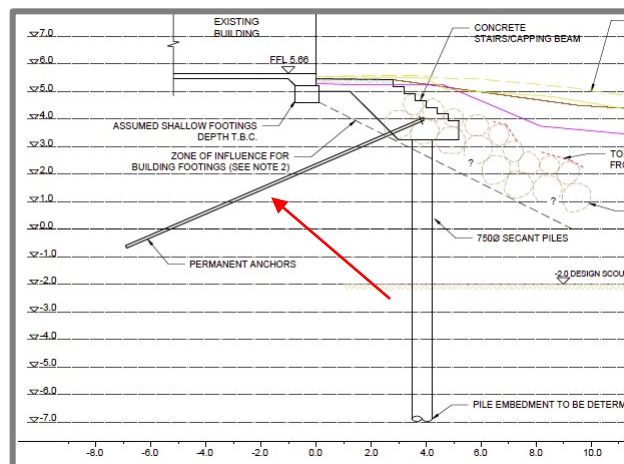


Figure 2: Permanent Anchors highlighted in red.

Figure 3



Figure 3: Assumed root mass highlighted in green and area of reduced root mass highlighted in blue.

**Tree Sensitive construction:**

To minimise root damage to Tree 2, a no dig type paving/hardstand construction method is recommended within the TPZ, refer to the Tree Management Plan (Section 5) of this report.

**Tree Protection measures:**

To minimise the potential root loss incurred from the seawall construction, a temporary irrigation system and soil conditioner application is recommended, refer to the Tree Management Plan (Section 5) of this report.

A Project Arborist should be onsite for the excavation of the proposed seawall to ensure roots are pruned with a final cut to undamaged wood.

A Tree Protection Fence is recommended for Tree 2 as shown on the Tree Impact Plan (Appendix 1) and detailed in the Tree Management Plan (Section 5) of this report.

**Conclusion:**

With the use of a no dig type paving/hardstand, the incursion to Tree 2 will be reduced to an acceptable level of 19.04% by only considering the excavation required for the proposed seawall and the reduced root mass in that area.

With sensitive construction and tree protection measures adhered to, the impact to Tree 1 will be minimal and its health will remain viable into the future.

**Recommendation:** Retain and protect Tree 2 refer to the Tree Management Plan (Section 5) of this report

### **Tree 3**

Tree 3 is given a medium retention value as per IACA Significance of a Tree, Assessment Rating System (STARS) © (IACA 2010) ©. Tree 3 has a minor incursion of 1.65% by the landscape wall and paving/hardstand, refer to the Tree Impact Plan (Appendix 1).

**Tree Sensitive construction:** N/A

**Tree Protection measures:** N/A

**Conclusion:** The incursion to Tree 3 is considered minor with no adverse effects expected. Tree 3 will have will remain viable into the future.

**Recommendation:** Retain Tree 3.

## 5. Tree Management Plan

The Tree Management Plan is designed to offer detailed design modifications or sensitive construction methods and a step by step timeline for Tree Protection Measures (CSA 2009).

### Step 1: Tree Protection Fencing

As nominated on the Tree Impact Plan (Appendix 1) a tree protection fence is to be erected around Tree 1 and 2. The fence detailed in (Figure 4) needs to be in place throughout construction and may be dismantled when landscaping begins. The Project Arborist must certify the protection measures are in the correct location and to specifications prior to commencement of construction.

Figure 4

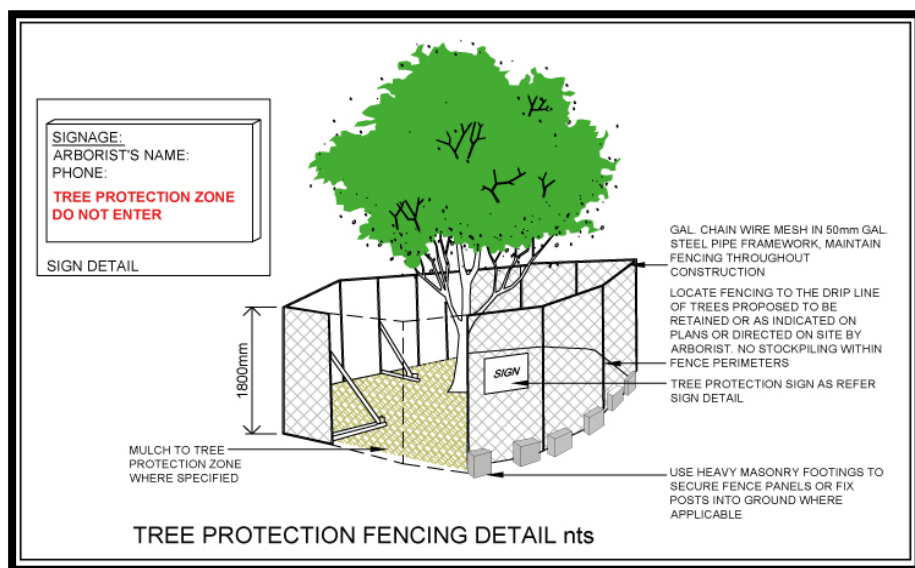


Figure 4: Tree Protection Fence detail

## **Step 2: Hardstand Paving**

As shown in the Tree Impact Plan (Appendix 1) the paving encroaches into the TPZ of Tree 1 and 2. To reduce the impact to an acceptable level a no dig type construction is recommended for the removal of existing concrete path and installation of the proposed paving within the TPZ of Tree 1 and 2. The detailed design should ensure no excavation is required and work within the TPZ is done by hand. A project arborist should be onsite to supervise the demolition and construction within the TPZ of Tree 1 and 2.

## **Step 3: Seawall Excavation**

A Project Arborist should be onsite for the excavation of the proposed seawall, where the Project Arborist identifies roots to be pruned within or at the outer edge of the TPZ, they should be pruned with a final cut to undamaged wood. Pruning cuts should be made with sharp tools such as secateurs, pruners, handsaws or chainsaws. Pruning wounds should not be treated with dressings or paints. It is not acceptable for roots within the TPZ to be 'pruned' with machinery such as backhoes or excavators (CSA 2009).

## **Step 4: Temporary Irrigation and Soil Conditioner**

To ensure no adverse effects occur by the minor incursion to Tree 2, a temporary Irrigation system should be installed before construction commences.

The temporary irrigation system is to be installed within the Tree Protection zone prior to demolition to combat the root loss of Tree 2. The supervising Arborist will nominate irrigation scheduling and certify its installation.

### **Step 5: General Exclusions within the TPZ**

The following activities shall be excluded within the TPZ:

- Excavation, compaction or disturbance of the existing soil.
- The movement or storage of materials, waste or fill.
- Soil level changes.
- Disposal and runoff of waste materials and chemicals including paint, solvents, cement slurry, fuel and oil.
- Other toxic liquids.
- Movement or storage of plant, machinery, equipment or vehicles.
- Any activity likely to damage the trunk, crown or root system of the trees.

The Project Arborist must be notified in the event any disturbance within the TPZ of trees to be retained is required.

### **Step 6: Monitoring**

The Project Arborist should inspect Tree 1, 2 and 3 bi-monthly to ensure tree protection measures are being adhered to and the health of the tree is not being adversely affected (CSA 2009).

### **Step 7: Final Certification:**

Upon completion of construction the Project Arborist will certify that the condition of Trees 1, 2 and 3 has not been affected by the development (CSA 2009).

## 6. Referenced Documents

Plans that were referred to for this report include:

<b>Plan Title</b>	<b>Drawing Number</b>	<b>Consultant</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>Job/ Number</b>
Proposed Ground Floor Plan	DWG 010	Adriano Pupilli Architects	A 2-9-20	NSC
Tree Impact Plan	NSLSC.Tip.01	Tree Management Strategies	11-11-2 0 Rev 2	
Coastal Project Works	S01 S02 S10 S12	HORTON COASTAL ENGINEERING PTY LTD		6268

No civil service plans were reviewed as part of this assessment.

## 7. Conclusions & Recommendations

### Conclusion

Tree 1 and 2 have major incursions to their TPZ by the proposed development, however, with the sensitive construction methods and Tree Protection Measures outlined in (Section 5 Tree Management Plan) of this report the tree impacts are minimised with no adverse effects expected. Tree 1 and 2 shall be retained and remain healthy and viable into the future.

Tree 3 has a zero incursion by the development and will remain healthy and viable into the future.

### Recommendations

Adhere to the Tree Management Plan outlined in Section 5 of this report.



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### Disclaimer:

By the nature of their size, weight and miscellaneous structure, constant exposure to the weather and the elements, susceptibility to insects, pest and decay organisms, and trees always pose an inherent degree of hazard and risk from breakage or failure.

There is no guarantee, expressed or implied, that problems or deficiencies of the subject trees may not arise in the future. No responsibility will be accepted for partial or full failure of any tree.

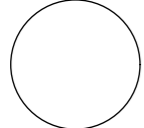


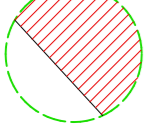
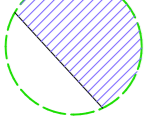
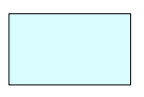
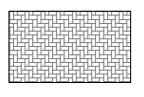

No responsibility will be accepted for any damage or injury caused by any tree or part thereof referred to in this report.

While great care is taken to accurately diagnose the condition of a tree, it is impossible to accurately determine the true structural condition of the entire tree and any diagnosis, opinions or recommendations expressed are based on several methods of determining tree health.




## 9. Appendices

Appendix 1: Tree Impact Plan

**Legend**

-  Canopy Line
-  TPZ - Tree Protection Zone
-  SRZ - Structural Root Zone
-  Building & Seawall Incursion Zone
-  Paving/Hardstand Incursion Zone
-  Existing Building and hardstand surface
-  Paving/hardstand on grade
-  Tree Protection Fence

**Retention Value**

-  High
-  Medium
-  Low

**Incursion**

**T01**

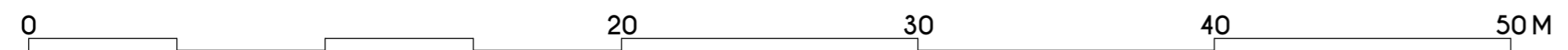
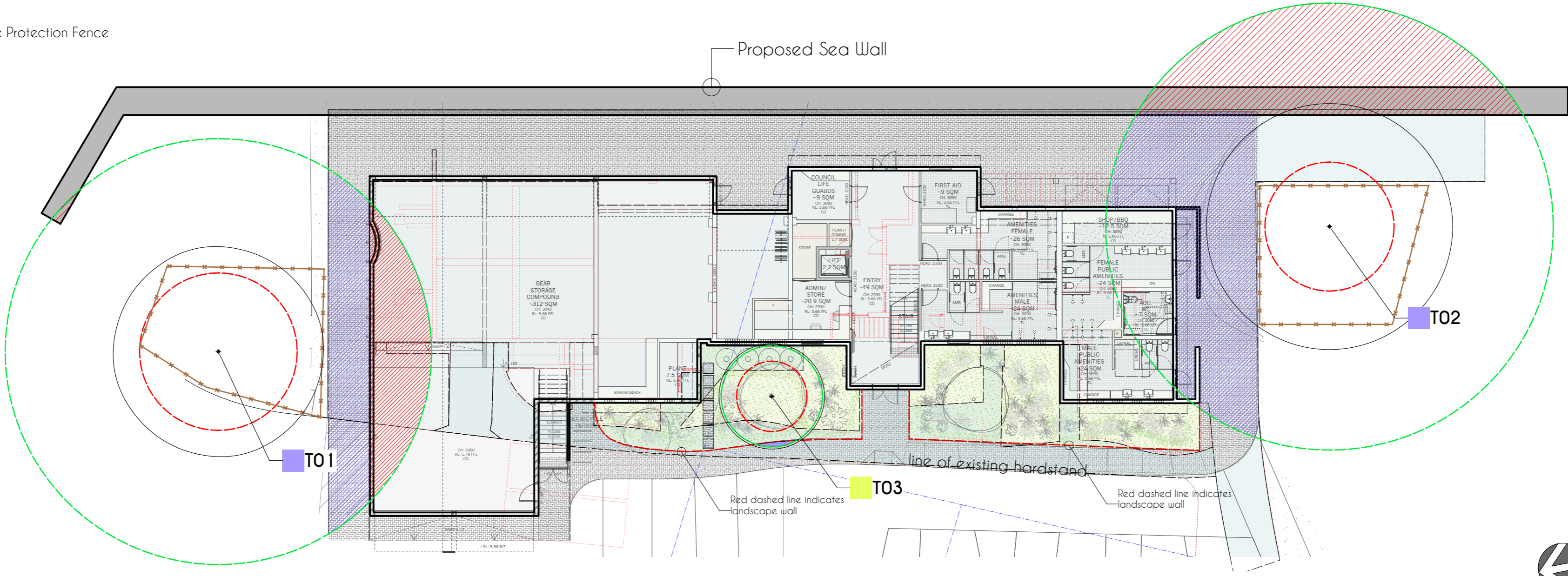
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 TPZ = 461.48sqm  
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 Incursion = 9.18%  
 Paving Incursion Zone 44.72qm  
 Incursion = 9.69%

**T02**

SRZ = No Incursion  
 TPZ = 508.31sqm  
 Building and Seawall Incursion Zone 99.53sqm  
 Incursion = 19.58%  
 Paving Incursion Zone 96.80qm  
 Incursion = 19.04%

**T03**

SRZ = No Incursion  
 TPZ = 26.06sqm  
Paving and Landscape Wall  
 Incursion = 0.43sqm  
 Incursion = 1.65%



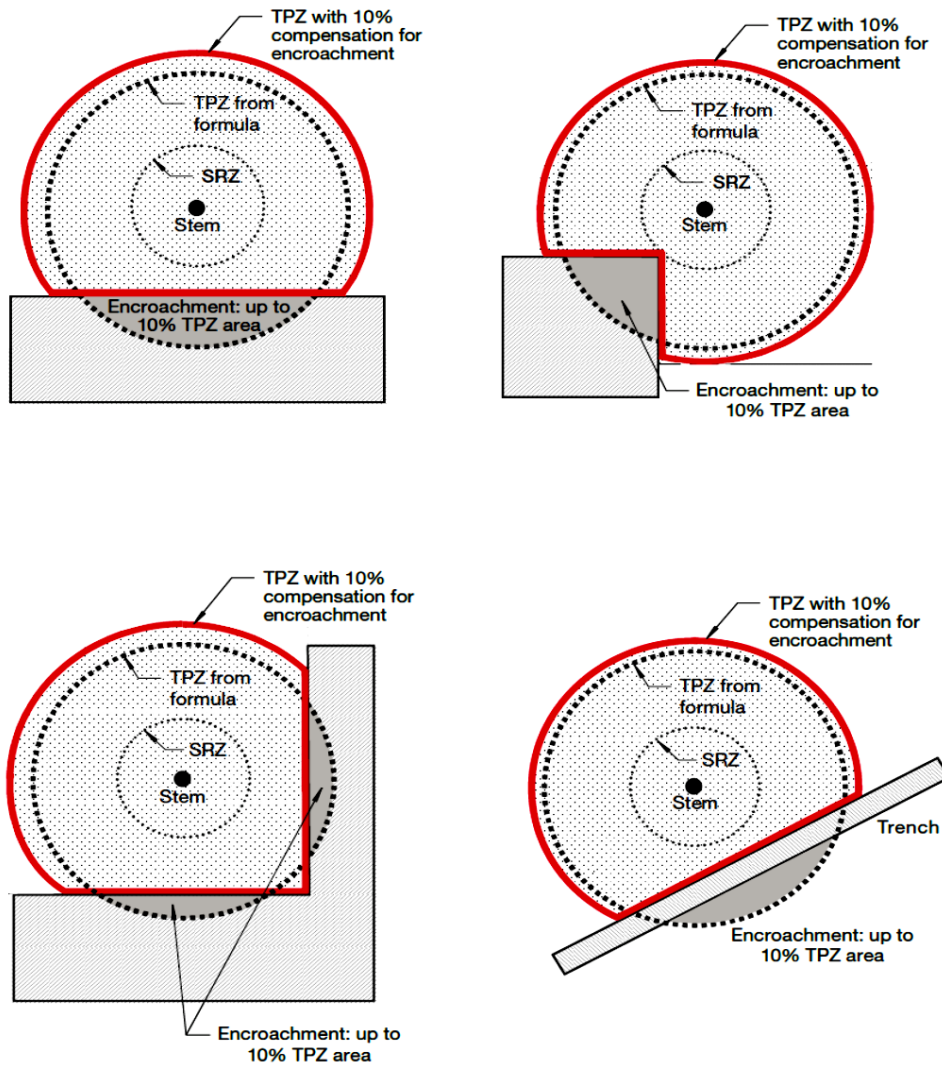
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## Appendix 2: Encroachment Examples

### ENCROACHMENT INTO TREE PROTECTION ZONE

(Informative)

Encroachment into the tree protection zone (TPZ) is sometimes unavoidable. Figure D1 provides examples of TPZ encroachment by area, to assist in reducing the impact of such incursions.



NOTE: Less than 10% TPZ area and outside SRZ. Any loss of TPZ compensated for elsewhere.

FIGURE D1 EXAMPLES OF MINOR ENCROACHMENT INTO TPZ