

# **Development Application** Tree Removal and Tree Pruning

Made under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (Sections 78A) for works associated with a Complying Development Certificate Application

### Address the application to:

The General Manager Warringah Council Civic Centre, 725 Pittwater Rd Dee Why NSW 2099

Customer Service Centre Warringah Council DX 9118 Dee Why

### if you need help lodging your application:

Phone our Customer Service Centre on (02) 9942 2111 or come in and talk to us

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Locality				
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☐ Owners Consent	☐ Flood Zone			
☐ Lot and DP	□Riparian Zone			
☐ 40m Buffer	□ Vegetation/			
☐ Acid Sulfate	Threatened			
☐ Bushfire Zone	□Wave Impact			
□Heritage	☐ Coastal Zone			
☐ Slip Zone	□100m MHWM			
	Nov 10			

For applicable fees and charges, please refer to Council's website: www.warringah.nsw.gov.au or contact our Customer Service Centre. kec: 100121750

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# Part 1 Summary Applicant(s) Details

Applicant(s) name	JULIA GIBSON + ADAM CHRISTOPHER			
Owner(s) name	JULIA GIBSON + ADAM CHRISTOPHER			
If any owner/applicant of thi Warringah Council.	s development application is a current employee or elected representative of			
Warringah Council employee	e Yes No Elected representative Yes No No			
Part 2 Application Details				
2.1 Location of the	Unit no. — House no. 2 Street GULLIVER ST			
property  We need this to correctly identify	Suburb BROOKVALE 2100			
the land. These details are shown on your rates notice, property title	Legal property Lot: 4 - Sect: 2 - DP/SP:			
etc.	description This information must be supplied. 5) 839828 of 6			

# **Part 2 Application Details**

### 2.2 Exemptions

Council consent is not required if the tree is less than 5 metres in height and with a foliage crown spread of less than 10 metres, the tree is dead, has been declared a noxious weed, is referred to as exempt in clause 8 of the Order, or is to be pruned by less than 10% of foliage within a 12 month period (refer to Tree Preservation Order for further clarification).

## **Application fee**

\$110

The owner of the land on which the tree(s) are located must sign the consent on the application.

Any consent issued as a result of this application is not a directive or order and does not oblige the owner to undertake the consented works. The consent is valid for **three years** from the date on the determination.

2.3 Description of works

Please provide details of the work to be carried out in the box below.

Tree no.	Tree species (if known)		Work required (prune/remove/assess)	Reason for the work	
1	CHINESE ELM	TREE	REMOVE	SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE	
2				SUBSTANTIAL JAMAGE TO DRIVEWAY AND RETAINING WALL	
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Part 2 Application D	Details
2.4 Sketch  Please indicate in the box on the right:  Sketch the outline of	CARPORT
the allotment, street, position of structures eg. house, garage and the location of each tree as numbered in 2.3	YARD
Please tie a yellow ribbon around the tree trunk.  Are there any dogs on the property?s	HOUSE HOUSE
	GARDEN GATE  EENCE  2. GULLIVER STREET
2.5 Integrated development  Is this application for integrated development?	Integrated development is development that requires licences or approvals from other consent authorities. Most forms of development will not be "integrated". See Part 4, Division 5, Section 91 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 -www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.
Please tick appropriate boxes.	Fisheries Management Act 1994 s144 s201 s205 s219
Yes No X	Heritage Act 1977
	Mine Subsidence
	Compensation Act 1961
	Mining Act 1992
	Wildlife Act 1974
	Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991 s9
	Protection of the Environment s43(a),(b),(d) s47 s48 s55 s122
	Operations Act 1997
	Roads Act 1993
	Rural Fires Act 1997
	Water Management Act 2000 s89 s90 s91
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2.6 Disclosure of political donations and gifts  Note: gift means a gift within the meaning of section 84 of the Election Funding & Disclosures Act 1981. Failure to disclosure relevant information is considered an offence under Part 6 section 96H of the Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981	Under section 147 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 any reportable political donation to an elected representative of Warringah Council (Mayor or Councillor) and/or any gift to an elected representative or Warringah Council employee within a two (2) year period commencing two (2) years before the date of this application and ending when the application is determined must be disclosed.  Are you aware of any person with a financial interest in this application who made a reportable donation or gave a gift in the last two (2) years.  If yes, complete the Political Donation Declaration and lodge it with this application. If no, in signing this application I undertake to advise the Council in writing if I become aware of any person with a financial interest in this application who has made a political donation or has given a gift in the period from the date of lodgement of this application and the date of its determination.  For further information visit Councils website at: www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/plan_dev/PoliticalDonationsBill.aspx				
Development App	olication Checklist				
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# **Arborists Report**

Client:

Julia Gibson

Address:

2 Gulliver St, Brookvale, 2100

Phone:

0412 350 997

Date:

1<sup>st</sup> February 2010

Re:

Chinese Elm

### Background:

Julia Gibson commissioned this arborists report because she was concerned with the state of the shared driveway owned by herself and her rear neighbour. The concrete was being lifted in several areas and a long crack had appeared in it. Please refer to figures 1 and 2. She and her neighbour were worried because of the significant damage already caused and that if it continued to get worse then the expense of having to have the driveway repaired would be considerable.

Julia Gibson had also noticed that a couple of sleepers in her retaining wall had been pushed out of alignment and broken. Please refer to figure 3.

She believes the most likely culprit for these problems is the Chinese elm situated next to the raised slabs of concrete and on top of the broken retaining wall.

I met Ms Gibson at 2 Gulliver St on 16/1/11. We inspected the situation and it was clear that the Chinese elm was the cause of the damage, refer to figure 4, which shows the base of the tree jammed in between the concrete edge of the driveway and the fence which stands on top of the retaining wall.

After our meeting the measurements and photographs in this report were gathered and a VTA carried out on the subject tree. I returned on 26/1/11 to take some more photos.

### Findings:

- The tree is a Chinese elm or Ulmus parvifolia at the rear corner of the house next to the driveway, please refer to figure 5.
- Dimensions are 10/12/0.5 approximate metres (height/Crown spread/DBH).

 Age: Mature Health: Good Condition: Good CFDP = 95%



- The base of the elm has now reached the point where it is too large for the narrow garden bed it stands in. It is pushing the concrete driveway out of place on one side and pushing the retaining wall and fence out of place on the other side. That is, the diameter of the base of the elm is now greater than the space it is supposed to occupy. Please refer to figure 6. From this point onwards with every passing day pressure will be increased on the surrounding built environment.
- A large portion of the canopy overhangs the roof of the house and pergola. Refer fig 7. It should be pointed out that Julia is not concerned about leaves falling on the roof and clogging the gutters, although it is a deciduous tree, but there is potential for serious damage being wrought on the roof if one of the branches overhanding it were to fail.

### **Conclusions:**

- The elm is causing damage to the driveway and retaining wall. More damage will be caused if the tree is not removed.
- SULE 4D removal
- SULE 3B short SULE

### Recommendation:

Remove the chinese elm.

Please contact me on 0414 722 814 or our office on 9997 6574 if you would like to discuss this report or have any further queries.

Yours faithfully,

Nigel Dean
Diploma in Horticulture (Arboriculture)
UPCA Tree Care Certificate
Standfast Tree Services P/L is a member of TCAA and NAAA



Figure 1 Raised concrete



Figure 2 Crack in driveway



Figure 3
Broken retaining wall



Figure 4
Base of tree lodged between driveway and fence



Figure 5 Ulmus parvifolia or Chinese elm

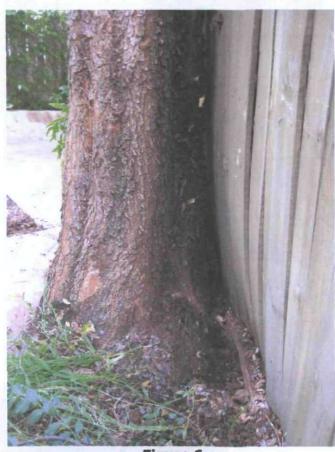


Figure 6
Tree has outgrown available space



**Figure 7**Branches overhanging roof

### 1.0 TERMINOLOGY USED IN REPORT

### 1.1 Age classes

- (I) Immature refers to a well established but juvenile tree.
- (S) Semi-mature refers to a tree at growth stages between immaturity and full size.
- (M) Mature refers to a full sized tree with some capacity for further growth.
- (O) Over-mature refers to a tree about to enter decline or already declining.
- 1.2 **Health** refers to the tree's vigour as exhibited by the crown density, leaf colour, presence of epicormic shoots, ability to withstand disease invasion, and the degree of dieback. Classes are Excellent (E), Very Good (V), Good (G), Fair (F), Declining (D), Poor (P).
- 1.3 **Condition** refers to the tree's form and growth habit, as modified by its environment (aspect, suppression by other trees, soils) and the state of the scaffold (i.e. trunk and major branches), including structural defects such as cavities, crooked trunks or weak trunk/branch junctions. These are not directly connected with health and it is possible for a tree to be healthy but in poor condition. Classes are Good (G), Fair (F), Declining (D), Poor (P), Very Poor (VP).
- 1.4 **Diameter at Breast Height (DBH)** refers to the tree trunk diameter at breast height (1.4 metres above ground level)
- 1.5 **Critical Root Zone (CRZ)** refers to a radial offset of five (5) times the trunk DBH measured from the centre of the trunk. Rounded to the nearest 0.5 metre.
- 1.6 **Primary Root Zone (PRZ)** refers to a radial offset of ten (10) times the trunk DBH measured from the centre of the trunk. Rounded to the nearest 0.5 metre.
- 1.7 **Within Building Footprint (WBF)** refers to those trees within the footprint of the proposed development.
- 1.8 **Crown Foliage Density Potential (CFDP)** refers to the percentage of foliage in the canopy of tree in comparison to the same age and type of tree grown in optimal conditions.
- 1.9 **Visual Tree Assessment (VTA)** refers to a site assessment carried out by a qualified arborist not using resistograph technology, pathology analysis or other similar methods.

### **SULE categories (after Barrell 1996)**

The four categories and their sub-groups are as follows:

- 1. Long SULE tree appeared retainable at the time of assessment for over 40 years with an acceptable degree of risk, assuming reasonable maintenance:
  - A. structurally sound trees located in positions that can accommodate future growth
  - B. trees which could be made suitable for long term retention by remedial care
  - C. trees of special significance which would warrant extraordinary efforts to secure their long term retention
- 2. Medium SULE tree appeared to be retainable at the time of assessment for 15-40 years with an acceptable degree of risk, assuming reasonable maintenance
  - A. trees which may only live from 15 40 years
  - B. trees which may live for more than 40 years but would be removed for safety or nuisance reasons
  - C. trees which could be made suitable for retention in the medium term by remedial care
- 3. Short SULE tree appeared to be retainable at the time of assessment for 5 15 years with an acceptable degree of risk, assuming reasonable maintenance:
  - A. trees which may only live from 5 15 years
  - B. trees which may live for more than 15 years but would be removed for safety or nuisance reasons
  - C. trees which may live for more than 15 years but would be removed to prevent interference with suitable individuals or to provide space for new planting
  - D. trees which require substantial remediation and are only suitable for retention in the short term
- 4. Removal trees which should be removed within the next 5 years
  - A. dead, dying, suppressed or declining trees
  - B. dangerous trees through instability or recent loss of adjacent trees
  - C. trees which may live for more than 5 years but would be removed to prevent interference with more suitable individuals or to provide space for new planting
  - D. trees which are damaging or may cause damage to existing structures within the next 5 years.

# O-TREE

