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REFERENCE: Northern Beaches Council Development Application (DA2023/1933)

The Growing My Way Tree Consultants (from herein GMW) senior consultant arborist (Kyle A Hill) & consultant (Ao Wang) met with the Lesley Family onsite, Sunday, 11 February 2024.

We acknowledge & confirm to have interpreted the Northern Beaches Council (from herein NBC) Landscape Referral Response, dated 24/01/2024 (DA2023/1933) both prior to our onsite assessment/data collection process as well as from onsite in the presence of our clients.

As briefed onsite, the as lodged with the NBC Excavation Plan in a triangular area (south east corner of the rear yard) displayed an area where soil was proposed to be instated, this is not accurate. (See Attachment A.) No soil of any description is proposed within any discussed trees' TPZ total surface area.

An updated Excavation Plan is being prepared & will accompany this response to council in the very short term (days/weeks, not weeks/months). The GMW practice confirms soil to be instated near any discussed tree to have been a mistake not picked up until the NBC assessment process was being considered, hence, the NBC legitimate concern as expressed in their request for additional information.

Obviously, any retained tree is to be isolated from any works, ideally by AS4970-2009 compliant standard temporary metal mesh fencing panels with above ground support. (See Attachment B for discussed tree locations.)

The GMW practice confirms, trees described by documents lodged & named by the NBC in their request for additional information to be accurately identified except for Tree #17. (This will be corrected later within this document.) Again, as briefed, no tree removal is proposed regardless of any future development, CDC or otherwise). Technically, the protected Tree #13 (*Corymbia citriodora* (Lemon Scented Gum) is at a

distance greater than five metres (5.00m) & relative to its TPZ total surface area (52.27m²) not being breached by greater than 10%, it requires no detailed discussion.

By the *Australian Standard (AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites)* any total TPZ surface area breach of less than 10% is a '*Minor encroachment*'. No formal management strategy is required if the TPZ total surface area breach can be incorporated in a different direction. This is confirmed to be the situation with respect to Tree #13. The same applies to Tree #16. Tree #17 is identified (by the GMW practice) to be a *Stenocarpus sinuatus* (Queensland Firewheel Tree). Tree #17 & is assessed as not being impacted upon in any manner by mathematical calculations/observations for proposed built form works.

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In summary, with respect to the proposed new garden shed, we confirm no excavation is required. We suggest, photographic evidence for each stage of works to be essential relative the completion of project final documentation process required to be presented to the appointed Principle Certifying Authority.

Should anyone with the authority of the property owner or their appointed project management team has any questions please contact Kyle A Hill by either email (kyleahill@optusnet.com.au) or phone (61 412 221 962)



Kyle A Hill - AQF level 5, Diploma of Hort / Arb, (TAFE NSW & other) & AQF level 8, Post Graduate Certificate in Arboriculture, (Uni of Melb) Practicing/Consulting Arborist) with the assistance of Ao Wang (Master of Protected Area, Governance & Management (Uni of Tasmania) & Bachelor of Environmental Biotechnology (UTS, Syd)

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Attachment A: Proposed Landscape Plan (Excavation Plan) that will be modified

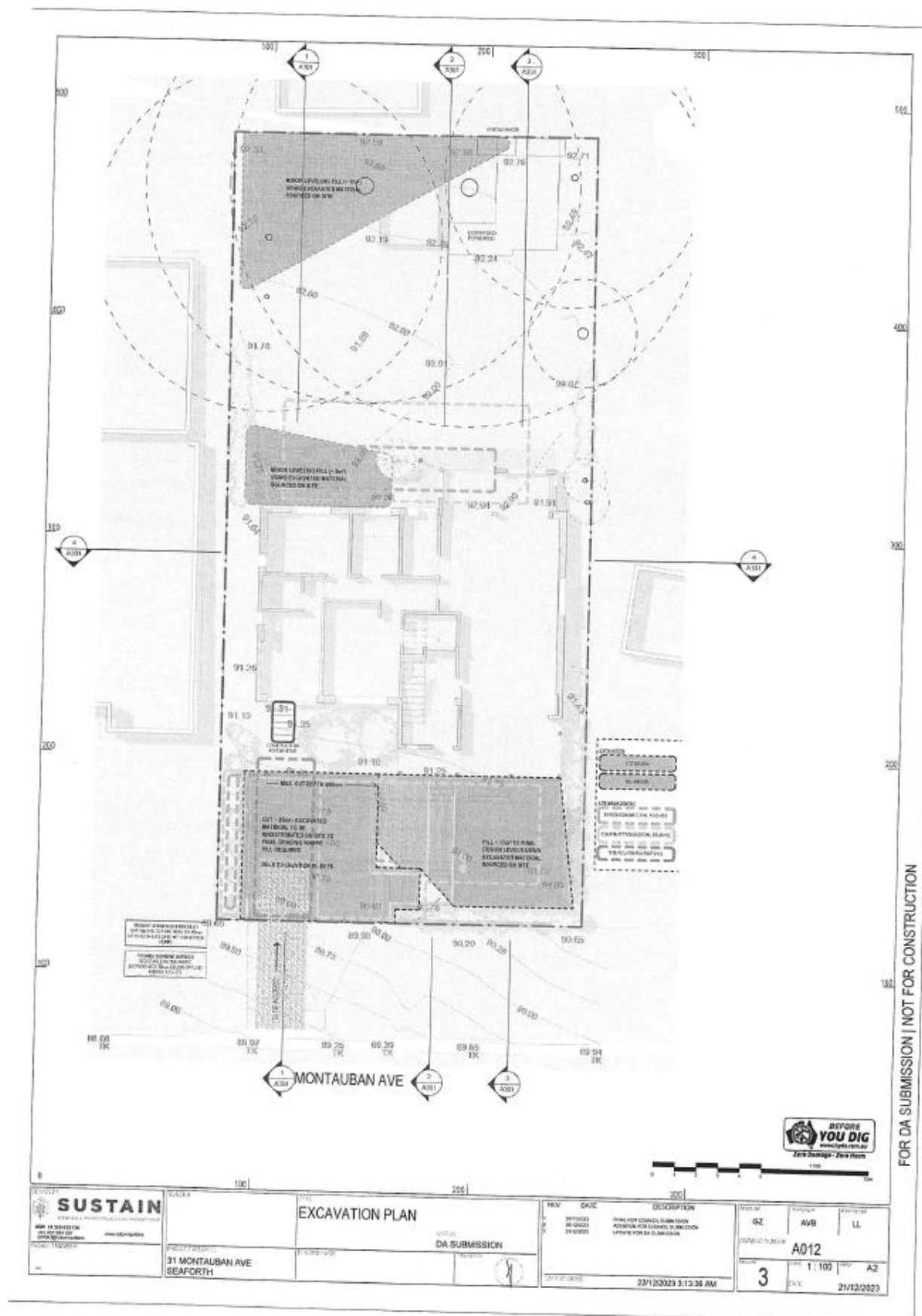
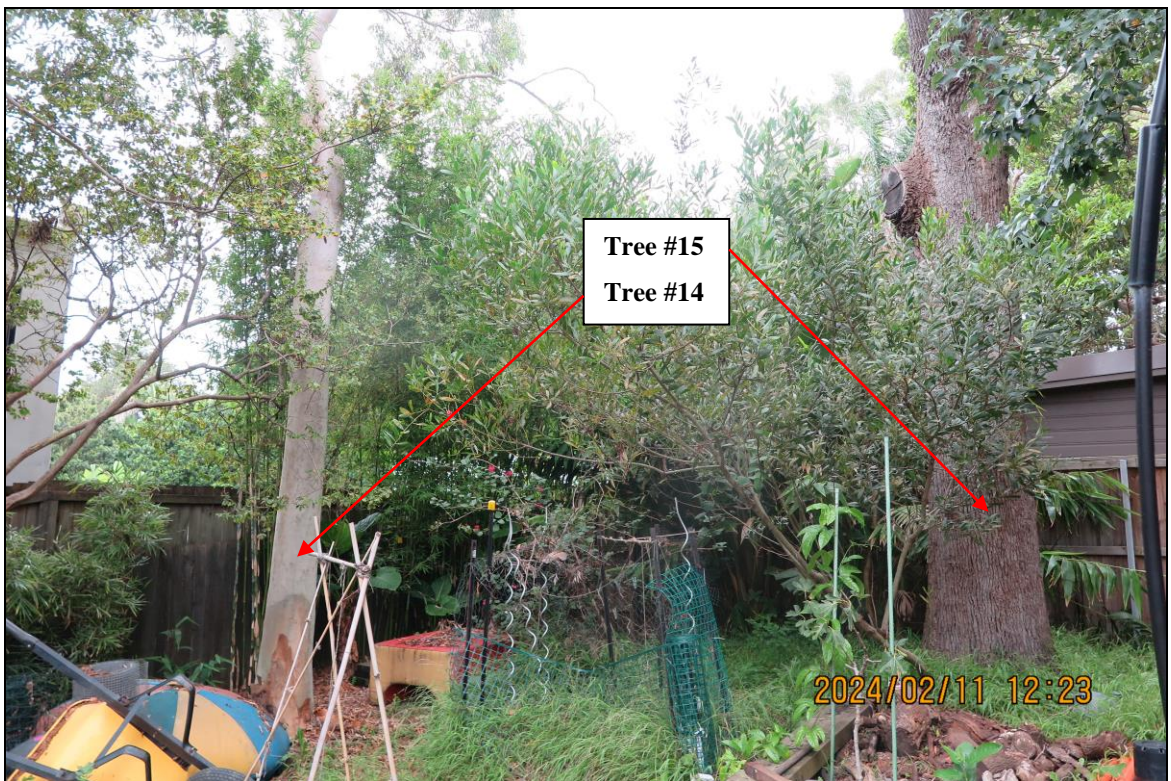


FIGURE 1: PLAN TO BE UPGRADED BY THE CLIENTS & SENT TO THE NBC

Attachment B: Site Photographs (11 February 2024)



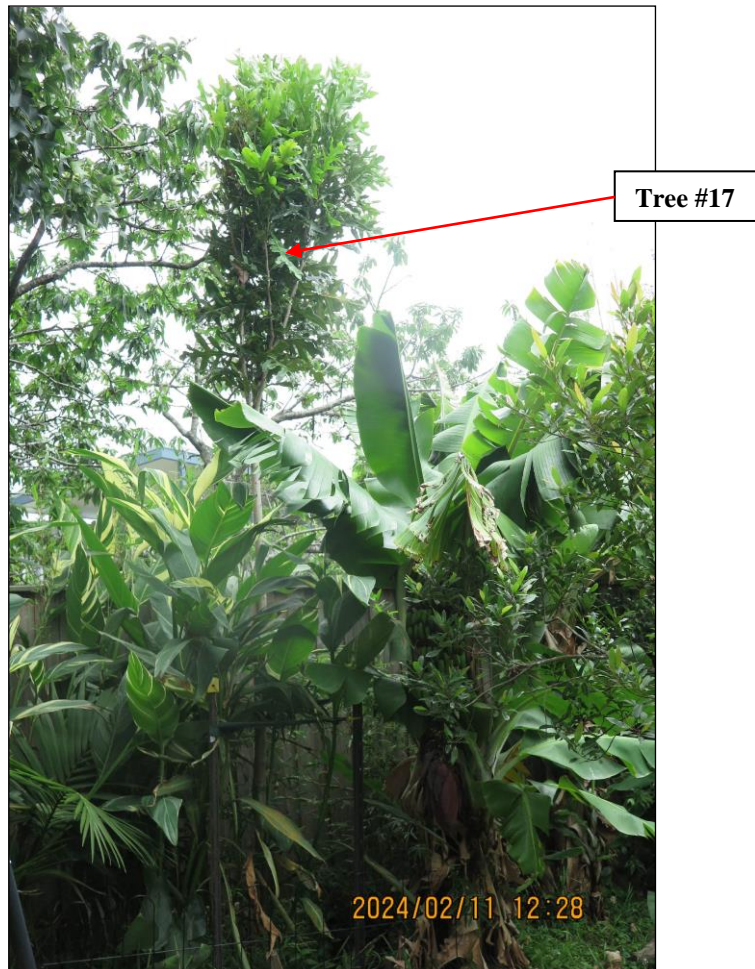


FIGURE 2: ABOVE & PREVIOUS PAGE ILLUSTRATES THE LOCATIONS OF TREES REQUIRED TO BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL, TREE #16 IS MATHEMATICALLY NOT REQUIRED TO BE DISCUSSED.