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Maxwell Duncan
Northern Beaches Council

By email

Dear Maxwell,

Re: 22 Marmora Street, Freshwater

I refer to your letter dated 25 May 2021 in regards to DA2021/0624.

Tree 2

It is noted that concern has been raised in relation to tree 2. Given a driveway currently exists in place of the structural root zone, root mapping could not currently take place without removal of the driveway. We would propose that it is conditioned that root mapping be undertaken by a Level 5 arborist once access is available and that they are required to sign off on this component prior to any stormwater works taking place. If root mapping revealed a change to the stormwater was required the location would be revised to suit. The hydraulic engineer has noted on his plans that adjustments on site may be required.

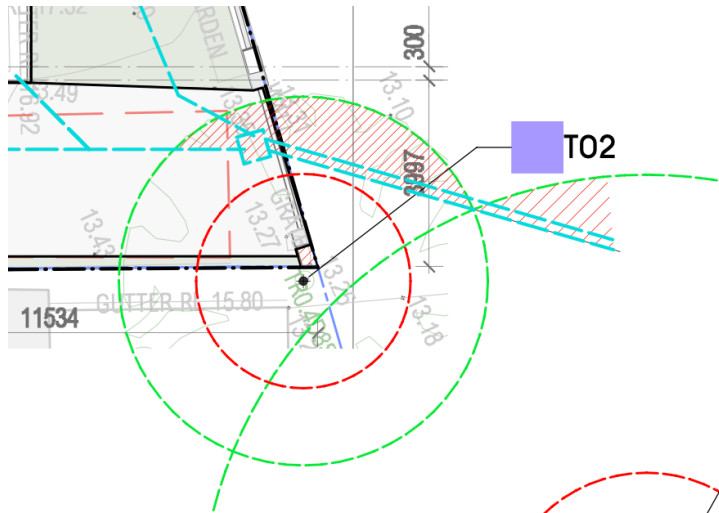


Image: Tree 2 from the Arborist's overlay

Tree 14

We confirm that as per the arborist's report the area around the tree will be hand dug and will use tree sensitive construction types whether it be pier and beams or sections of cantilever. As structural engineering plans are not required within the DA, and constitute the CC works, we would request that a condition be included that requires tree root mapping prior to works commencing and that the structural engineer's plans, prior to being accepted to form part of the CC, be signed off by the Level 5 arborist.

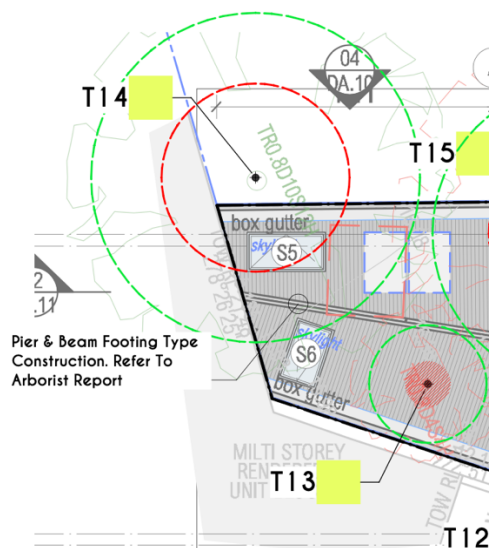


Image: Tree 14 from the Arborist's overlay

Tree Removal + Retention within the subject site

It is noted that the landscape comments confirm that there is only one protected tree within the site boundaries along with a number of exempt species, which can be removed without approval, and also a number of low value trees which require approval for removal.

Please see attached a Landscape Plan which incorporates Council's requirements being:

- Inclusion of 2 canopy trees at the rear of the dwelling
- Screen planting along the front + side boundaries

Screen planting has not been included behind the pool wall as this wall provides screening and this is not a critical privacy point for the neighbour.

In relation to trees 2 + 14, as has occurred in other DAs that I have worked on where there have been similar situations of neighbouring trees in proximity to new works, we would request that Council condition tree root mapping, the requirement of a Project Arborist throughout the project and the signing off of structural engineering plans for the CC along with inspections by the arborist at critical stages.

In relation to the landscape plan, we trust this adequately compensates for the proposed tree removal.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Blacker', with a stylized, cursive flourish.

Sarah Blacker
Registered Architect