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3 / 28 - 3 Addison Road ST
Manly NSW 2095
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RE: Mod2022/0734 - 30 A Addison Road MANLY NSW 2095

The Modification submission proposed the removal of 17 mature trees that provide privacy, shade and a habitat for wildlife.

The removal of the trees and loss of vegetation will result in the removal of privacy between homes other than the proposed development site

- The vegetation-strip adjacent to the shared driveway is currently home to 17 mature Thuja Orientals.
- The trees are higher than 5m, they are established, they are significant and are between 25-40 years old.
- The 17 trees are approximately 40m in height and offer a line of visual and acoustic privacy.
- The trees offer significant privacy screening, both visual and acoustic, to neighbouring properties, specifically between 30 Addison Road and 1, 2 and 3/28 Addison Road.
- If the trees were to be permanently removed, we would be able to see directly into the enclosed garden, the kitchen, the living room, the master bedroom and the private entertaining terrace of our neighbouring property 30 Addison Road, from the living area, kitchen, entertaining area, bedroom and garden area of our home at 3/28 Addison Road.
- These established trees act as an effective windbreak in severe weather and should be retained.
- These established trees absorb heat during the summer months and should be retained.
- These established trees provide effective shade to adjacent properties and reduce heat absorption of the built / tarmacked environment.
- It is preferable that summer heat be absorbed by shade creating trees, rather than relying on high energy consuming air conditioners. Removing the trees will remove the shade currently enjoyed.
- The proposed development seeks to remove all 17 mature trees.
- The removal of these trees would have a significant and negative effect on the amenity of the neighbouring properties whilst having little impact on the subject site.
- The proposed removal of these trees, whilst not protected, does not recognise or protect the natural and visual environment currently enjoyed by us, neighbouring properties and the public streetscape.
- The trees are enjoyed by birds and wildlife and are home to water dragons, long nosed bandicoots, possums. Their removal would have a detrimental effect on local wildlife.
- Given the current challenges we face in relation to climate change, the excessive removal of established trees in favour of the built environment (and in this case a single dwelling that is non-compliant) needs careful consideration.

- The Proposed Development includes the replacement of the 17 significant trees with small agapanthas. Small Agapanthas will not be appropriate in neither height nor form.
- The proposed removal of all 17 trees is a major and permanent removal of existing and established vegetation. This a very permanent solution to a short-term problem.
- We request that an arborist be engaged by the applicant to determine the health of the trees and to determine whether the proposed works will have an adverse effect on the trees, their stability and their health.
- The proposed development is excessive in size and scale and leaves no space on set-back areas for planting suitable vegetation to over screening and privacy, because the proposed development is non-compliant in terms of its set back.
- We propose that the 17 existing significant and mature Thuja Oriental trees be "retained" and "protected" given the high level of amenity they provide.