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Subject: DA2020/0092 - Lot 1 DP 965132. Issues of concern relating to landscape section

Dear Alex Keller,

I refer to Application Number DA2020/0092 relating to Council's landscape section assessing the application against the landscape controls of Manly DCP 2013.

First we appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns with the referral comments and as the Owners of 16 Rosedale Avenue, Fairlight, directly opposite the landscape works, we must continue to voice our concern as it will directly affect our property and the amenity of the property. Please note that the recommended trees were not part of the view sharing assessment and this won't minimise the loss of views.

Please also note we are previous respondents to the proposed development and we have always endeavoured to assist in creating a more sympathetic and harmonious outcome. We are aware there are a high number of submissions from concerned residents and I trust Council will consider these when making their determination.

We are concerned not only on our amenity loss but the possible wider environmental impacts and ongoing maintenance involved with the selection of a Eucalyptus haemastoma to the road verge.

We would simply encourage a 'like for like' replacement scenario for scenic protection, view sharing, long term path maintenance and general long term safety. The reason suggested for the landscape maintenance 'to maintain local environmental amenity and ensure landscaping continues to soften the build form' could be achieved with an alternate tree selection in our opinion. The existing tree outside of 70 Lauderdale Avenue, close to the corner of Willyama Avenue and Rosedale, is a particularly large tree with a significant canopy. Our long term maintenance concerns are that the footpath indicates there has been historical movement in the natural surface of this existing tree with footpath requiring recent maintenance. In researching the Eucalyptus haemastoma (Scribbly gums) heights potential further, it is suggested the height could reach anywhere from 7 to 12 metres possibly more which would have similar canopies to the larger neighbouring tree on the street scape. We are also concerned with the obstruction of the existing view corridor on the western boundary. The long term growth of the native tree to achieve a mature height of 6 metres will also impact the views considerably. Soil quality will also need to be considered for such a large tree.

I have been a resident in Fairlight for 20 plus years and have witnessed similar species not showing great wind tolerance with significant branches coming down with storms. Willyama was cut off for several days in the recent storms by a large branch coming down leaning on the power lines. I believe Council were informed on this having spoken to a resident of Willyama as they were blocked off from reaching Rosedale Street by the warning tape that did not hold well. The street was closed off by what I would suspect was the SES with a tape indicating dangerous situation however the street was not officially closed off from what I could see presenting a potentially dangerous scenario. There is evidence that significant trees have also been removed from Willyama on private properties over the years, no doubt due to the danger presented being close to those properties. Having also experienced wild

weather from the Rosedale Avenue aspect over many years with the wild southerlies ripping through the streetscape , I am concerned in 10 plus years time that this could also potentially add to danger for residents and passing vehicles or bike riders should branches fall as it is exposed to seasonal high winds coming through and not positioned high enough on the hill to offer any protection from the winds.

As a lover of nature and the environment , I am saddened by the amount of ring tail possums that die in our street due to them falling from the wires on the journey to the existing larger tree structures or they are hit by cars in their endeavours. There is a family of possums that live behind our properties on the high side (their preferred habitat) and they possibly traverse to the existing larger trees (Scribbly gum) and others large tree structures located on Rosedale Avenue . The tree selection may encourage more movement of these curious nocturnal resident possums.

There are existing larger trees providing for an appropriate balance with the existing streetscape so we are not deprived of the Scribbly gum in our street scape. The existing native bottlebrush attracts bees and insectivorous birds so there is special ecological values associated with the existing structure. The bottlebrush is a substantial tree and is fitting to the streetscape and in our view should be replaced like for like or something more fitting in size. Native plants such as bottlebrush and banksias attract birds and are great to watch from our balcony and can often be heard. We can assure you that honeyeaters from time to time are attracted to the existing tree and may also be good for insect control. By not replacing like for like, Indian mynas may become more frequent in a competitive environment. We have had troubles with the Indian mynas further up the street towards Hill Street attacking residents and visitors to the street.

I would also not want any loss of the North Harbour view on this highly regarded view for any reason and we do not believe the Eucalyptus haemastoma would be a suitable solution for achieving balance and harmony. We would therefore encourage landscaping that retains and enhances the small wildlife corridor that we are fortunate to have. We believe the current proposal will remove a considerable amount of amenity loss including view loss and solar loss for our neighbours on the lower side of Rosedale Avenue. The view from our living room windows and terrace deck towards the Harbour will ultimately be lost with the maturity cycles of these proposed trees. There may also be street view loss as pedestrians walk down the street on the view corridor and currently represent high scenic and highly valued features. Many People choose to walk down this street due to the lovely street scape and comment on this fact. They tend to walk on the high side of the road to enjoy the vistas and openness of the existing street scape. The Rosedale Avenue vista is iconic in our opinion and scenic protection for all pedestrians to enjoy should be paramount in any landscaping considerations.

We hope the comments above are considered and we would recommend bottlebrush trees in place of the Eucalyptus haemastoma. The existing mature size of the bottlebrush would be ideal to soften the development lessening the impact to our view. We do not feel the montage made available from the consultant can be relied upon and the stated objectives to minimise the loss of views.

Many thanks for considering these points.

Catherine & Damian Hamer

16 Rosedale Avenue, Fairlight.

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