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RE: DA2022/0246 - 120 Prince Alfred Parade NEWPORT NSW 2106

Re: 120 Prince Alfred Parade, NEWPORT 2106
DA 2022/0246, T 0346/17, T 0258/17

Dear Sir / Madam,

We are local residents who make regular use of the park facilities in Salt Pan Cove. We visit the park with our grandchildren.

We have long held concerns with the Ficus trees that overwhelm one side of the park.

Our first issue is even before we even arrive at the park, walking down to the park with four grandchildren we are forced to walk out onto the road due to the footpath being unusable due to the Ficus trees overwhelming the footpath. There is little warning on the winding road of oncoming traffic!

Our second issue is of a more community minded nature. These trees have an intense water seeking nature which means that, as they increase in size, they will invade any stormwater or sewer pipes to which they get access. When this occurs we would be faced with both health and property damage issues. We recently suffered extreme flooding from a burst waterboard supply main.

Our third issue is of a local environmental nature. We question why trees that are non-indigenous to the area are allowed to overwhelm our local mangrove trees. This is of particular concern to me as I recognise that the mangroves are so important to our marine nursery environment. If we do not respect and encourage our marine life then what hope do we have in surviving as a species. Our actions in one small area multiplied sufficiently can have a massive effect worldwide. It all begins with us.

Yours sincerely,
Richard & Lesley Pitt