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RE: DA2019/0152 - 78 Hudson Parade CLAREVILLE NSW 2107

I am a Structural Engineer and retired Builder of houses similar to this one, many on the Northern Beaches, who lives directly opposite the subject site. I strongly support the submission in it's entirety.

The form of the structure is respectful of the site, very low and with muted colours, sandstone cladding etc.

I particularly note that the two very large spotted gums are to be retained, together with many other natives. In my opinion the removal of other minor native trees, those in poor condition and exotics will not detract significantly from the tree canopy and would certainly promote the health of the large spotted gums and other trees retained. (I declare my interest here, as the removal of some small trees will improve my view of Pittwater from No 77 !!!)
I note that tree number 12, Unknown species, which is apparently to be retained, is leaning on a dead branch of the largest spotted gum, No 8, and would seem, in my view, to be a candidate for removal. (with the approval of the previous owners I have had it trimmed to preserve views a couple of times in the last 15 years, before it started to lean.

I also note that Tree No 1, a jacaranda, is also slated to be retained. It has to be cut back hard to clear the power lines, sometimes twice in a calendar year, and I thus wonder if it might be more appropriate (and save the taxpayer plenty) if it were replaced with a native -- or several - with a maximum height of say three meters, such as a moonlight grevillea or dwarf lilli pilli. It is on public land and I would be happy to donate appropriate advanced shrubs or trees, of the Owner's and Council's choice, and look after them until they are established.

Yours sincerely
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