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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1 This report was commissioned by Chenchow Little Pty Ltd on behalf of Melanie Koeman to assess the health and condition of fourteen (14) trees located within or immediately adjacent to 15 Greycliffe Street, Queenscliff. The report has been prepared to aid in the assessment of a Development Application (DA) for demolition of the existing dwelling and construction of a new dwelling within the property.
- 1.1.2 The purpose of this report is to assess the potential impact of the proposed development on the subject trees, together with recommendations for amendments to the design or construction methodology where necessary to minimise any adverse impact. The report also provides recommended tree protection measures to ensure the long-term preservation of the trees to be retained where appropriate.
- 1.1.3 This report has been prepared in accordance with the Northern Beaches Council's guidelines for preparation of Arborists Reports as outlined in Part E and Part H (Appendices 9, 11 & 12) of the *Warringah Development Control Plan 2011* (WDCP) and Sections 2.3.2-2.3.5 of the Australian Standard for *Protection of Trees on Development Sites* (AS 4970:2009).

# 2 THE SITE

- 2.1.1 The subject property is a residential allotment known as Lot 12 in DP 12597, being 15 Greycliffe Street, Queenscliff. For the purposes of this report, the subject allotment will be referred to as 'the site'. The total area of the site is 464.4 m². The site is zoned Low Density Residential [R2] under the *Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011* (WLEP). The site contains an existing single-storey dwelling located in the central southern portion of the lot. The site has moderate to steep westerly gradient with a series of level terrace areas and established lawns and gardens typical of surrounding properties. The site contains a number of mature and semi-mature trees. These include a variety of non-local native and exotic (introduced) species.
- 2.1.2 Soils of this area are typical of the Hawkesbury Soil Landscape Group (as classified in the *Soil Landscapes of the Sydney 1:100,000 Sheet*), consisting of shallow (less than 500 mm) discontinuous *Lithosols* and *Siliceous Sands* associated with rock outcrop; *Earthy Sands, Yellow Earths and some Yellow Podzolic soils* occur on inside of benches and along joints and fractures. Localised *Yellow and Red Podzolic soils* also occur in association with shale lenses. Soil materials are derived from Hawkesbury Sandstone. <sup>1</sup> The landscape of this area consists of rolling to very steep hills with slope gradients varying from 25-70%. Rock outcrop occurs as horizontal benches and broken scarps up to 10 metres, with boulders and cobble covering up to 50% of the ground surface.
- 2.1.3 The original vegetation of this area consisted of woodland and coastal scrub & heath typical of Hawkesbury Sandstone areas, most of which has now been cleared for urban development.<sup>2</sup> The dominant locally-indigenous tree species formerly occurring in this area included *Angophora costata* (Sydney Red Gum), *Corymbia gummifera* (Red Bloodwood) and *Eucalyptus haemastoma* (Scribbly Gum). Other species found in this vegetation community may include *Banksia integrifolia* (Coast Banksia), *Banksia serrata* (Old Man Banksia) and *Eucalyptus botryoides* (Bangalay). *Elaeocarpus reticulatus* (Blueberry Ash), *Ficus rubiginosa* (Port Jackson Fig), *Glochidion ferdinandi* (Cheese Tree), *Syzygium paniculatum* (Magenta Cherry), *Acmena smithii* (Lillypilly), *Livistona australis* (Cabbage Tree Palm) and *Ficus coronata* (Sandpaper Fig) may also be found in sheltered sites and lower slopes.

#### 3 SUBJECT TREES

3.1.1 The subject trees were inspected by Earthscape Horticultural Services (EHS) on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Each tree has been provided with an identification number for reference purposes denoted on the attached Tree Location Plan (**Appendix 5**), based on the survey prepared by Veris Australia Pty Ltd, Dwg. Ref No. 201376 [1] dated 06/11/2019. The numbers used on this plan correlate with the Tree Assessment Schedule (**Appendix 3**). Tree No.s T3, T4 & T8 were not shown on the original survey and have been plotted on the drawing in their approximate positions.

# 4 HEALTH AND CONDITION ASSESSMENT

# 4.1 Methodology

- 4.1.1 An assessment of each tree was made using the Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) procedure.<sup>3</sup> All of the trees were assessed in view from the ground. No aerial inspection or diagnostic testing has been undertaken as part of this assessment.
- 4.1.2 The following information was collected for each tree:-
  - Tree Species (Botanical & Common Name);
  - Approximate height;
  - Canopy spread (measured using laser distance measurer in four directions and an average taken);
  - **Trunk diameter** (measured with a diameter tape at 1.4 metres from ground level);
  - **Live Crown Size** (measured by subtracting the total height of the tree from the lowest point of the crown and multiplying by the average crown spread to give a value in square metres);
  - Health & vigour (using foliage size, colour, extension growth, presence of disease or pest
    infestation, canopy density, presence of deadwood, dieback and epicormic growth as
    indicators),
  - **Condition** (using visible evidence of structural defects, instability, evidence of previous pruning and physical damage as indicators); and
  - **Suitability** of the tree to the site and its existing location (in consideration of damage or potential damage to services or structures, available space for future development and nuisance issues).
- 4.1.3 This information is presented in a tabulated form in **Appendix 3**.

# 4.2 Safe Useful Life Expectancy (SULE)

- 4.2.1 The remaining Safe Useful Life Expectancy<sup>4</sup> of the tree is an estimate of the sustainability of the tree in the landscape, calculated based on an estimate of the average age of the species in an urban area, less its estimated current age. The life expectancy of the tree has been further modified where necessary in consideration of its current health and vigour, condition and suitability to the site. The estimated SULE of each tree is shown in **Appendix 3.**
- 4.2.2 The following ranges have been allocated to each tree:-
  - Greater than 40 years (Long)
  - Between 15 and 40 years (Medium)
  - Between 5 and 15 years (Short)
  - Less than 5 years (Transient)
  - Dead or immediately hazardous (defective or unstable)
- 4.2.1 SULE ratings are intended to provide a general overview of the long-term sustainability of the trees within the site in consideration of these factors. The allocated ranges are not intended to be absolute. This information is useful in guiding future planning by highlighting the probable

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lifespan of individual trees, for which a clear pattern may emerge. This information may be helpful in forecasting likely tree senescence and planning for replacement planting to ensure continuity in tree canopy across the site. It should be noted that SULEs *may* be extended or reduced depending on the way trees are managed. Intervention and remedial works may extend the SULE of some trees.

# 5 LANDSCAPE SIGNIFICANCE

# 5.1 Methodology for Determining Landscape Significance

- 5.1.1 The significance of a tree in the landscape is a combination of its environmental, heritage and amenity values. Whilst these values may be fairly subjective and difficult to assess consistently, some measure is necessary to assist in determining the retention value of each tree. To ensure a consistent approach, the assessment criteria shown in **Appendix 1** have been used in this assessment.
- 5.1.2 A rating has been applied to each tree to give an understanding of the relative significance of each tree in the landscape and to assist in determining priorities for retention, in accordance with the following categories:-
  - 1. Significant
  - 2. Very High
  - 3. High
  - 4. Moderate
  - 5. Low
  - 6. Very Low
  - 7. Insignificant

# 5.2 Environmental Significance

# 5.2.1 Tree Management Controls

Prescribed Trees within the Northern Beaches (former Warringah) Local Government Area (LGA) are protected under the provisions of Part E1 of the *Warringah Development Control Plan* 2011 (WDCP), made pursuant to Clause 9 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-rural Areas)* 2017 (SEPP VNRA). The WDCP generally protects all trees with a height of greater than five (5) metres. Some exemptions apply. The following trees are exempt (not protected) under the provisions of the WDCP 2011:-

Tree No.	Species	Exemption		
T1 & T2	Citrus sp. (Citrus)	Fruit Tree		
T3 & T4	Cupressus sempervirens 'Stricta' (Italian Cypress)	Exempt species		
Т5	Schefflera actinophylla (Umbrella Tree)	Environmental Weed Species		
T6, T7, T8*, T11*, T12*, T13 & T14	Howea forsteriana (Kentia Palm)	Palm species other than Livistona sp.		
Т9*	Trachycarpus fortunei (Chinese Windmill Palm)	Palm species other than <i>Livistona sp.</i>		
T14	Camellia japonica (Camellia)	Less than the prescribed dimensions		

<sup>\*</sup> Note that these trees are located within the adjoining property.

The remainder of the trees are protected under the WDCP 2011.

# 5.2.2 Wildlife Habitat

All of the trees are exotic (introduced) or non-local native species that would be of some benefit to native wildlife. However, none of the trees contain cavities that would be suitable as nesting hollows for arboreal mammals or birds. There were no other visible signs of wildlife habitation.

# 5.2.3 Noxious Plants & Environmental Weeds

Schefflera actinophylla (Umbrella Tree) [T5] is scheduled as a potential 'Biosecurity Risk' ('Priority Weed' – formerly 'Noxious Weed') within all of NSW under the provisions of the Biosecurity Act 2015. The growth of this plant species must be managed in a manner that continuously inhibits the ability of the plant to spread (so far as is reasonably practicable) and the plant must not be sold, propagated or knowingly distributed.

None of the other trees are listed as Environmental Weed Species within the Northern Beaches LGA.

# 5.2.4 Threatened Species & Ecological Communities

None of the subject trees are listed as Threatened or Vulnerable Species or form part of Endangered Ecological Communities (EECs) under the provisions of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (NSW) or the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

# 5.3 Heritage Significance

# 5.3.1 Heritage Items

The subject property is *not* listed as an item of Environmental Heritage under Schedule 5, Part 1 of the *Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011* (WLEP).

# 5.3.2 Heritage Conservation Area

The site is *not* located within a Heritage Conservation Area under Schedule 5, Part 2 of the WLEP 2011.

# 5.3.3 Significant Tree Register

Northern Beaches Council does not currently maintain a Register of Significant Trees.

# 5.3.4 General

None of the subject trees are visible in the 1943 aerial photo of Sydney. Two Kentia Palms [T13 & T14] appear to be relatively old specimens and may have been planted c. 1950-1960 given their present dimensions.

# 5.4 Amenity Value

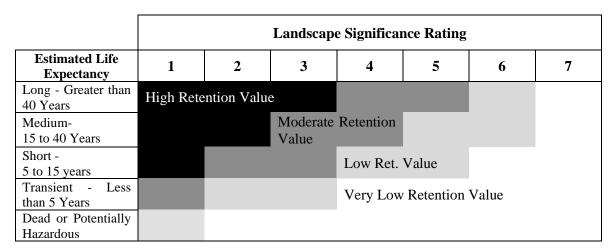
5.4.1 Criteria for the assessment of amenity values are incorporated into **Appendix 1**. The amenity value of a tree is a measure of its live crown size, visual appearance (form, habit, crown density), visibility and position in the landscape and contribution to the visual character of an area. Generally the larger and more prominently located the tree, and the better its form and habit, the higher its amenity value.

# 6 TREE RETENTION VALUES

6.1.1 The Retention Values shown in **Appendix 3** and **Appendix 5** have been determined on the basis of the estimated longevity of the trees and their landscape significance rating, in accordance with **Table 1**. Together with guidelines contained in **Section 7** (Tree Protection Zones) this information should be used to determine the most appropriate position of building footprints and other

infrastructure within the site, with due consideration to other site constraints, to minimise the impact on trees considered worthy of preservation.

TABLE 1 - TREE RETENTION VALUES - ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY



6.1.2 The following table describes the implications of the retention values on site layout and design.

TABLE 2 – TREE RETENTION PRIORITES.

RETENTION VALUE	RECOMMENDED ACTION
"High"	These trees considered worthy of preservation; as such careful consideration should be given to their retention as a priority.  Proposed site design and placement of buildings and infrastructure should consider the recommended setbacks as discussed in the following section (refer also <b>Appendix 2</b> ) to avoid any adverse impact on these trees.  In addition to Tree Protection Zones, the extent of the canopy (canopy drip-line) should also be considered, particularly in relation to high rise developments. Significant pruning of the trees to accommodate the building envelope or temporary scaffolding is generally not acceptable.
"Moderate"	The retention of these trees is desirable, but not essential.  These trees should be retained as part of any proposed development if possible. However, these trees are considered less critical for retention.  If these trees must be removed, replacement planting should be considered in accordance with Council's Tree Replenishment Policy to compensate for loss of amenity (refer also Section 9).
"Low"	These trees are not considered to worthy of any special measures to ensure their preservation, due to current health, condition or suitability. They do not have any special ecological, heritage or amenity value, or these values are substantially diminished due to their SULE.  These trees should not be considered as a constraint to the future development of the site.
"Very Low"	These trees are considered potentially hazardous or very poor specimens, or may be environmental or noxious weeds.  The removal of these trees is therefore recommended regardless of the implications of any proposed development.

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# 7 TREE PROTECTION ZONES

7.1.1 The Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) is a radial distance measured from the centre of the trunk of the tree as specified in **Appendix 4**. These have been calculated in accordance with AS 4970-2009 (Protection of Trees on Development Sites).<sup>5</sup>

7.1.2 The intention of the TPZ is to ensure protection of the root system and canopy from the potential damage from construction works and ensure the long-term health and stability of each tree to be retained. Incursions to the root zone may occur due to excavations, changes in ground levels, (either lowering or raising the grade), trenching or other forms or soil disturbance such as ripping, grading or inverting the soil profile. Such works may cause damage or loss of part of the root system, leading to an adverse impact on the tree.

# 7.2 Structural Root Zone (SRZ)

- 7.2.1 The Structural Root Zone (SRZ) provides the bulk of mechanical support and anchorage for a tree. This is also a radial distance measured from the centre of the trunk as specified in **Appendix 4**. The SRZ has been calculated in accordance with AS 4970-2009 (Protection of Trees on Development Sites).
- 7.2.2 Incursions within the SRZ are not recommended as they are likely to result in the severance of woody roots which may compromise the stability of the tree or lead to its decline and demise.

# 7.3 Acceptable Encroachments to the Tree Protection Zone.

- 7.3.1 Where encroachment to the TPZ is unavoidable, an incursion to the TPZ of not exceeding 10% of the area of the TPZ and outside the SRZ may be acceptable. Examples of acceptable incursions are shown in **Appendix 2**. Greater incursions to the TPZ may result in an adverse impact on the tree.
- 7.3.2 Where incursions greater than 10% of the TPZ are unavoidable, exploratory excavation using nondestructive methods may be required to evaluate the extent of the root system affected and determine whether or not the tree can remain viable

# 7.4 Acceptable Encroachments to the Canopy

- 7.4.1 The removal of a small portion of the crown (foliage and branches) is generally tolerable provided that the extent of pruning required is less than 10% of the total foliage volume of the tree and the removal of branches does not create large wounds or disfigure the natural form and habit of the tree. All pruning cuts must be undertaken in accordance with AS 4373:2007. This generally involves reduction of the affected branches back to the nearest branch collar at the junction with the parent branch, rather than at an intermediate point. The latter is referred to as "lopping" and is no longer an acceptable arboricultural practice. Generally speaking, the minimum pruning as required to accommodate any proposed works is desirable. Extensive pruning can result in a detrimental impact on tree health and may lead to exposure of remaining branches to wind forces that they were previously sheltered from, leading to a greater risk of branch failure.
- 7.4.2 Clearance to between the building line and canopy should take into account any projecting structures, such as balconies, awnings and the roofline and any requirement for temporary scaffolding to be erected during construction (typically 1-1.5 metres wide). High structures should preferably be located outside the canopy dripline (as shown indicatively on the attached plans) in order to avoid or minimise canopy pruning.

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# 7.5 Legal Protection

7.5.1 Notwithstanding the above recommendations, Council may require a greater setback from certain types of structures to ensure the on-going legal protection of the tree (i.e. its legal status under Council's Tree Management Controls). In the Northern Beaches LGA, a tree located within two (2) metres of the wall of a dwelling is not protected under the WDCP 2011. As such, if a tree is considered worthy of preservation, Council is unlikely to approve the construction of a dwelling within two (2) metres of the tree (regardless of whether this can be undertaken without having an adverse impact on its health or longevity). It should be noted that this does not necessarily apply to other structures.

#### 8 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

8.1.1 The proposed development includes the demolition of the existing dwelling and construction of a new dwelling within the property.

# 9 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9.1.1 The intention of this assessment is to determine the incursions to the root zones and canopies created by the proposed development and evaluate the likely impact of the proposed works on the subject trees. Details shown on the following plans were used in this assessment:-

Title	Author	Dwg No.	Date
Demolition Plan	Chenchow Little	1905 DA-002 [A]	29/05/2020
Excavation and Fill Plan	Chenchow Little	1905 DA-003 [A]	29/05/2020
Basement Floor Plan	Chenchow Little	1905 DA-100 [A]	29/05/2020
Ground Floor Plan	Chenchow Little	1905 DA-101 [A]	29/05/2020
First Floor Plan	Chenchow Little	1905 DA-102 [A]	29/05/2020
Roof Plan	Chenchow Little	1905 DA-103 [A]	29/05/2020
South and East Elevation	Chenchow Little	1905 DA-200 [A]	29/05/2020
North and West Elevation	Chenchow Little	1905 DA-201 [A]	29/05/2020
Sections A-A & B-B	Chenchow Little	1905 DA-300 [E]	29/05/2020
Landscape Plans	360°	L-DA-01 to L-DA-09 [C]	27/05/2020

- 9.1.2 A summary of the impact of the proposed development on each tree within the site is shown in **Appendix 5**. The following criteria have been examined as part of this assessment:-
  - Existing Relative Levels (R.L.);
  - Tree Protection Zone (TPZ);
  - Structural Root Zone (SRZ);
  - Footprint and envelope of the proposed development and temporary structures (scaffolding, hoardings etc);
  - Incursions to the TPZ & SRZ, including estimated cut & fill beyond the building footprint;
  - Incursions to the tree canopy from the building envelope and temporary structures; and
  - Assessment of the likely impact of the works on existing trees.

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- 9.1.3 The proposed development will necessitate the removal of four (4) trees of low and very low retention value. These include Tree No.s T1 & T2 (Citrus trees) and T3 & T4 (Italian Cypress). None of these trees are considered significant or worthy of special measures to ensure their preservation. The removal of these trees to accommodate the proposed development is therefore considered warranted in this instance. It should be noted that all of these trees are exempt from Council's Tree Management Controls.
- 9.1.4 An existing low stone retaining wall is proposed to be demolished within the TPZ of T5 (Umbrella Tree) and Trees T6 & T7 (Kentia Palms). This work will not result in any adverse impact on these trees, provided that the stone wall is demolished carefully by hand in accordance with **Section 10.8**. An existing masonry retaining wall (900mm high) is also proposed to be demolished within the TPZs of T13 & T14 (Kentia Palms). This work will not result in any adverse impact on these trees, provided that existing wall is demolished in accordance with **Section 10.8**.
- 9.1.5 A new paved/lawn terrace and associated kerb/retaining wall is proposed to be constructed within the TPZs of T5 (Umbrella Tree), T6 (Kentia Palm) and T9 (Japanese Windmill Palm). In the case of T6, the extent of the encroachment to the root zone is less than 10% of the TPZ, which is considered within acceptable limits under AS 4970:2009. As such, the proposed works will not result in any adverse impact on this tree. In the case of T9, the proposed new works are located beyond an existing rendered masonry wall on the common boundary, which would form a barrier to root development of this tree to the west. As such, the proposed works will not result in any actual incursion to the root zone and therefore will not result in any adverse impact on this tree. In the case of T5, the extent of encroachment to the TPZ is approximately 17%, which exceeds acceptable limits under AS 4970:2009. However, this species will tolerate the extent of encroachment to the TPZ. In order to avoid any adverse impact on these trees, all excavations for the retaining wall foundations and terrace within the TPZs should be undertaken in accordance with Section 10.9. Existing ground levels within the remainder of the TPZ should be maintained intact (as proposed on the landscape plan).
- 9.1.6 A new stone retaining wall is proposed to be constructed within the TPZs of T13 & T14 (Kentia Palms), in a similar position as the existing rendered masonry wall (along the front boundary) to be demolished. Construction of the new wall will require some over-excavation/temporary batter o facilitate construction, which would result in an incursion to the root zones of these trees. These tree will tolerate the encroachment proposed, provided that the extent of over-excavation is limited to no greater than 800mm from the inner face of the wall and all excavations for the retaining wall foundations (& associated temporary batter) are undertaken in accordance with **Section 10.9**.
- 9.1.7 No other trees will be adversely affected by the proposed development.

# 10 RECOMMENDED TREE PROTECTION MEASURES

# 10.1 Tree Protection Plan

10.1.1 The following Tree Protection Measures should be read in accordance with the Tree Protection Plan (**Appendix 6**). The Tree Protection Plan (TPP) indicates the position of tree protection devices and other recommended measures to ensure the protection of trees within the site to be retained as part of the proposed development.

# 10.2 Prohibited Activities

- 10.2.1 The following activities should be avoided within specified Tree Protection Zones (refer **Appendix 4 & 6** for extent of the TPZ for each tree):-
  - Excavations and trenching (with exception of the approved remediation works, underground services, building foundations or pavement sub-grade);

- Soil disturbance, surface grading, compaction, tyning, ripping or cultivation of soil;
- Mechanical removal of vegetation, including extraction of tree stumps;
- Soil level changes including the placement of fill material (excluding imported validated fill for remediation works or placement of fill for approved works)
- Movement and storage of plant, equipment & vehicles (except within defined temporary haul roads, where ground protection has been installed, or within the footprint of existing floor slabs or paved areas);
- Erection of site sheds (except where approved by the site arborist);
- Affixing of signage, barricades or hoardings to trees;
- Storage of building materials, waste and waste receptacles;
- Stockpiling of spoil or fill;
- Stockpiling of bulk materials, such as soil, sand, gravel, roadbase or the like;
- Stockpiling of demolition waste;
- Disposal of waste materials and chemicals including paint, solvents, cement slurry, fuel, oil and other toxic liquids;
- Other physical damage to the trunk or root system; and
- Any other activity likely to cause damage to the tree.

# 10.3 Tree Damage

- 10.3.1 Care shall be taken when operating cranes, drilling rigs and similar equipment near trees to avoid damage to tree canopies (foliage and branches). Under no circumstances shall branches be torn-off by construction equipment. Where there is potential conflict between tree canopy and construction activities, the advice of the Site Arborist must be sought.
- 10.3.2 In the event of any tree becoming damaged for any reason during the construction period a consulting arborist [Australian Qualification Framework Level 5] shall be engaged to inspect and provide advice on any remedial action to minimise any adverse impact. Such remedial action shall be implemented as soon as practicable and certified by the arborist.

# 10.4 Tree Removal

- 10.4.1 The removal of Trees [**T1, T2, T3 & T4**] shall be carried out by an experienced tree surgeon in accordance with the NSW WorkCover Code of Practice for the Amenity Tree Industry (1998). Care shall be taken to avoid damage to other trees during the felling operation.
- 10.4.2 Stumps located within the TPZs of trees to be retained shall be grubbed-out where required using a mechanical stump grinder (or by hand where less than 150mm in diameter) without damage to the root system of other trees. Where trees to be removed are within the SRZ of any trees to be retained, consideration should be given to cutting the stump close to ground level and retaining the root crown intact. Stumps within the Tree Protection Zone of other trees to be retained shall **not** be pulled out using excavation equipment or similar.

# 10.5 Tree Protection Fencing

10.5.1 Trees [T5-T8 and T10, T13 & T14] shall be protected prior to and during construction from all activities that may result in detrimental impact by erecting a suitable protective fence in the positions as indicated on the Tree Protection Plan (Appendix 6). As a minimum, the fence shall consist of temporary chain wire panels of 1.8 metres in height, supported by steel stakes as required and fastened together and supported to prevent sideways movement using corner braces where required. The fence shall be erected prior to the commencement of any work on-site and shall be maintained in good condition for the duration of construction. Where tree protection zones merge together a single fence encompassing the area is deemed to be adequate. Existing site boundary fences may form part of the enclosure.

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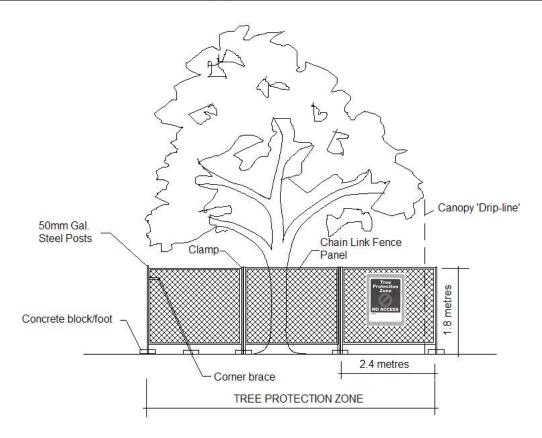


Figure 1 – Detail of Tree Protection Fence

# 10.6 Tree Protection Signs

10.6.1 Signs shall be installed on the Tree Protection Fence to prevent unauthorised movement of plant and equipment or entry to the Tree Protection Zone. The signs shall be securely attached to the fence using cable ties or equivalent. Signs shall be placed at minimum 10 metre intervals. The wording and layout of the sign shall comply with AS 4970-2009 as shown in **Figure 2**.



Figure 2 – Detail of Tree Protection Sign

#### 10.7 Ground Protection

10.7.1 Construction haul routes shall be confined to existing paved areas wherever possible. Where this is not feasible and construction haul routes or access for plant and equipment must traverse soft landscape areas within TPZs of [any tree nominated for retention], 20mm thick marine ply sheets or truck mats (such as Envirex Versadeck® access mats) (refer Figure 4 shall be placed over the top of the ground surface to minimise compaction and disturbance of the underlying soil profile and root zone.



**Figure 4** – Showing typical detail for truck mats.

10.7.2 Ground protection shall be installed prior to any site works and maintained in good condition for the duration of the construction period. On completion of the works, ground protection shall be removed without damage or disturbance to the underlying soil profile.

# 10.8 Demolition Works within Tree Protection Zones

- 10.8.1 Demolition of paved areas within the Tree Protection Zones (TPZs) of trees [**T5-T8 and T13 & T14**] shall be undertaken under the supervision of a qualified Arborist [Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) Level 5].
- 10.8.1 Concrete pavements shall be demolished by breaking the slab into manageable sections (using a rock hammer or similar) and asphalt pavements shall be removed by breaking the topcoat into manageable pieces. The broken sections shall be carefully lifted and folded over the remaining paved surface to minimise disturbance and compaction of the underlying soil profile. Special care shall be taken where underlying woody roots have lifted or displaced the pavement. Any plant or equipment used in demolition work shall operate within the footprint of existing paved areas and avoid traversing soft landscape areas. Where this is unavoidable, suitable ground protection shall first be installed in accordance with **Section 10.7**.
- 10.8.2 The pavement sub-base within the TPZ shall be gradually removed (where required) in layers of no greater than 50mm thick using a small rubber tracked excavator or alternative approved method to avoid excessive disturbance and compaction of the underlying soil profile and damage to underlying roots and minimise. The machine shall work within the footprint of the existing path footprint to avoid compaction of the underlying soil. The final layer of sub-base material shall be removed using hand tools were required to avoid compaction of the underlying soil profile and avoid damage to any underlying woody roots.
- 10.8.3 Demolition of existing walls, kerbs and other structures within the TPZ of trees [T5-T8 and T13 & T14] shall be undertaken under the supervision of a qualified Arborist [AQF level 5]. The structures shall be demolished using equipment on stationed outside the TPZ where possible or within the footprint of existing hardstand areas.

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10.8.4 Care shall be taken to avoid the root systems, trunks and lower branches of trees in the vicinity of the structures during demolition works, with special attention required during demolition of the footings and other sub-surface members to avoid damage to woody roots. An observer ('spotter') shall be employed to assist the plant operator in order to detect and avoid damage to underlying woody roots during demolition. Trunk and/or branch protection shall be installed where there is a potential risk of damage to trees in proximity or overhead of the work.

# 10.9 Excavations within Tree Protection Zones

- 10.9.1 Prior to any mechanical excavations for building foundations or pavement sub-grade within the TPZs of Trees [T5-T8 and T13 & T14] exploratory excavation using non-destructive techniques shall be taken along the perimeter of the structure or pavement within the TPZ. Non-destructive excavation techniques may include the use of hand-held implements, air pressure (using an Airspade® device) or water pressure (hydro-excavation in combination with a vacuum extraction unit). The exploratory excavation shall be undertaken along the perimeter of the foundation or pavement (within the TPZ) to the depth of the foundation or to a maximum of 800mm from surface levels, to locate and expose any woody roots prior to any mechanical excavation.
- 10.9.2 All care shall be undertaken to preserve woody roots intact and undamaged during exploratory excavation. Any roots encountered of less than 40mm in diameter may be cleanly severed with clean sharp pruning implements at the face of the excavation. The root zone in the vicinity of the excavation shall be kept moist following excavation for the duration of construction to minimise moisture stress on the tree. Where large woody roots (greater than 40mm diameter) are encountered during exploratory excavations, further advice from a qualified arborist shall be sought prior to severance.

# **10.10 Alternative Construction Methods**

- 10.10.1 Where necessary, (to avoid severing large woody roots) consideration should be given to the installation of an elevated structure (e.g. pier and beam footing, suspended slab or floor supported on piers, cantilevered slab, up-turned edge beam etc) in preference to structures requiring a deep edge beam or continuous perimeter strip footing. The beam section of any pier and beam footing should be placed **above** grade to avoid excavation within the SRZ. Pier footings intersecting large woody roots should be slightly offset where necessary to avoid root severance.
- 10.10.2 For masonry walls or fences it may be acceptable to delete continuous concrete strip footings and replace with suspended in-fill panels (e.g. steel or timber pickets, lattice etc) fixed to pillars. For paved areas, consideration should be given to raising the proposed pavement level and using a porous fill material in preference to excavation where large woody roots are found within the subbase.

# **10.11 Underground Services**

- 10.11.1 All proposed stormwater lines and other underground services should be located outside TPZs of trees proposed to be retained wherever possible or installed by alternative measures. Alternative measures include suspending pipelines beneath the floor of a building or structure (to avoid excavation with the TPZ), non-destructive excavation methods or Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD). Where the installation of service lines within TPZs is unavoidable, the pipelines or conduits should be installed as follows.
- 10.11.2 Trenching for underground services and stormwater pipes within the TPZs of Trees [any tree nominated for retention], shall be undertaken using non-destructive excavation in accordance with Section 10.6. Where large woody roots are encountered during excavation or trenching (root diameter greater than 40mm), these shall be retained intact wherever possible (e.g. by tunnelling

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beneath roots and inserting the pipeline or conduit beneath or re-routing the service etc). Where this is not practical and root pruning is the only alternative, proposed root pruning should be assessed by a qualified arborist [AQF 5] to evaluate the potential impact on the health and stability of the subject tree.

10.11.3 Installation of underground services and stormwater pipes within the SRZs of Trees [any tree nominated for retention], shall only be undertaken by Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) (also referred to as sub-surface boring or Micro-tunnelling for large diameter pipes). The Invert Level of the pipe, plus the pipe diameter, must be lower than the estimated root zone depth as specified. At this site a minimum depth of 1 metre to the invert level of the pipe is specified.

#### 10.12 Placement of Fill Material

- 10.12.1 Placement of fill material within the TPZs of Trees [**T5-T8**] to be retained should be avoided wherever possible. Where placement of fill is unavoidable, the material shall be a well-drained friable material, equivalent in texture to the existing site topsoil material. The fill should be free from rocks, vegetation and other extraneous material complying with AS 4419:2003 (*Soils for Landscaping and Garden Use*).
- 10.12.2 The fill may be lightly consolidated, but shall not be compacted to engineering standards. No fill material should be placed in direct contact with the trunk.
- 10.12.3 Plant and equipment used to place and spread fill material should be stationed outside the TPZ where possible. Where not possible, suitable ground protection should be installed in accordance with **Section 10.14** to avoid compaction of the underlying soil profile and root zone.

# 10.13 Canopy & Root Pruning

- 10.13.1 Where root pruning of [any tree nominated for retention] is required to facilitate construction, roots shall be severed with clean, sharp pruning implements and retained in a moist condition during the construction phase using Hessian material or mulch where practical. Severed roots shall be treated with a suitable root growth hormone containing the active constituents Indol-3-yl-Butric Acid (IBA) and 1-Naphthylacetic Acid (NAA) to stimulate rapid regeneration of the root system.
- 10.13.2 Any required root pruning shall be carried out in accordance with Australian Standard 4373-2007 *Pruning of Amenity Trees* by a qualified and experienced arborist or tree surgeon [Australian Qualification Framework Level 3] in accordance with the NSW WorkCover Code of Practice for the Amenity Tree Industry (1998). No roots of greater than 40mm in diameter should be removed or pruned without further advice from a Consulting Arborist [Australian Qualification Framework Level 5].

# 11 REPLACEMENT PLANTING

- 11.1.1 In order to compensate for loss of amenity resulting from the removal of trees to accommodate the proposed development, a minimum number of one (1) new tree capable of attaining a height of at least eight (8) metres at maturity should be planted within the allotment.
- 11.1.2 Replacement trees should preferably include some locally indigenous species. These will be most appropriate to the site conditions and be most valuable in terms of preserving the landscape character and wildlife habitat of the area. The following species are appropriate to the site conditions and could be considered for replacement planting:-
  - Acmena smithii (Lillypilly)\*
  - Syzygium paniculatum (Magenta Cherry)\*
  - Glochidion ferdinandi (Cheese Tree)\*

- Banksia integrifolia (Coast Banksia)\*
- Eucalyptus umbra (Bastard Mahogany)\*
- Angophora costata (Sydney Red Gum)\*
- Hibiscus tiliaceus 'Rubra' (Bronze Cottonwood)
- Cupaniopsis anarcardiodes (Tuckeroo)
- Melaleuca stypheliodes (Prickly Paperbark)\*
- Syzygium leuhmannii (Small-leaf Lillypilly)
- Alectryon coriaceus (Beach Birds Eye)
- Elaeocarpus reticulatus (Blueberry Ash)
- Harpulia pendula (Tulipwood)
- Jacaranda mimosifolia (Jacaranda)
- Fraxinus griffithii (Evergreen Ash)
- Magnolia grandiflora (Bullbay Magnolia)
- Melaleuca leucadendra (Cajuput)
- Waterhousea floribunda (Weeping Lillypilly).
- \* Denotes locally-indigenous species.

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# **Pre-development Tree Assessment**

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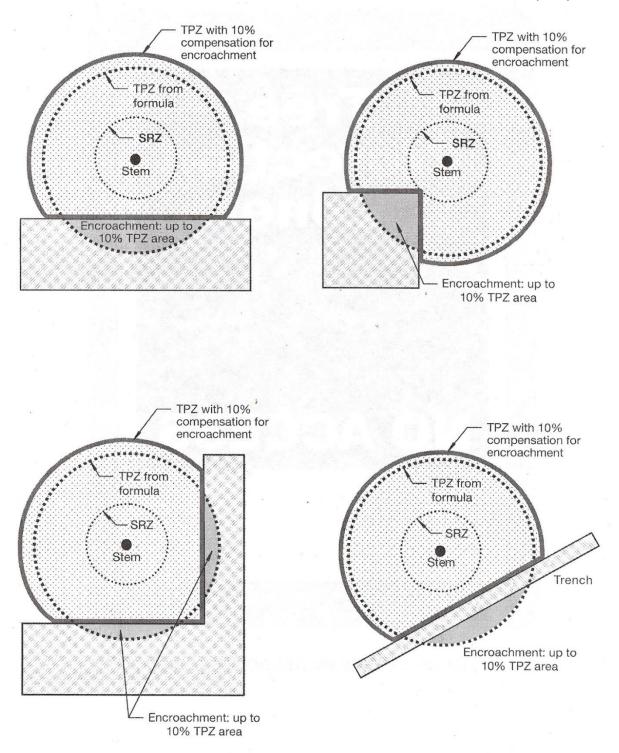
# APPENDIX 1 - CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF LANDSCAPE SIGNIFICANCE

RATING	HERITAGE VALUE	ECOLOGICAL VALUE	AMENITY VALUE
1	The subject tree is listed as a Heritage Item under the Local Environment Plan (LEP) with a local, state or national level of significance or is listed on Council's Significant Tree Register	The subject tree is scheduled as a Threatened or Vulnerable Species as defined under the provisions of the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> (NSW) or the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> .	The subject tree has a very large live crown size exceeding 300m² with normal to dense foliage cover, is located in a visually prominent position in the landscape, exhibits very good form and habit typical of the species
1. SIGNIFICANT	The subject tree forms part of the curtilage of a Heritage Item (building /structure /artefact as defined under the LEP) and has a known or documented association with that item	The tree is a locally indigenous species, representative of the original vegetation of the area and is known as an important food, shelter or nesting tree for endangered or threatened fauna species	The subject tree makes a significant contribution to the amenity and visual character of the area by creating a sense of place or creating a sense of identity
	The subject tree is a Commemorative Planting having been planted by an important historical person (s) or to commemorate an important historical event	The subject tree is a Remnant Tree, being a tree in existence prior to development of the area	The tree is visually prominent in view from surrounding areas, being a landmark or visible from a considerable distance.
2. VERY HIGH	The tree has a strong historical association with a heritage item (building/structure/artefact/garden etc) within or adjacent the property and/or exemplifies a particular era or style of landscape design associated with the original development of the site.	The tree is a locally-indigenous species, representative of the original vegetation of the area and is a dominant or associated canopy species of an Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) formerly occurring in the area occupied by the site.	The subject tree has a very large live crown size exceeding 200m²; a crown density exceeding 70% (normal-dense), is a very good representative of the species in terms of its form and branching habit or is aesthetically distinctive and makes a positive contribution to the visual character and the amenity of the area
3. HIGH	The tree has a suspected historical association with a heritage item or landscape supported by anecdotal or visual evidence	The tree is a locally-indigenous species and representative of the original vegetation of the area and the tree is located within a defined Vegetation Link / Wildlife Corridor or has known wildlife habitat value	The subject tree has a large live crown size exceeding 100m <sup>2</sup> ; The tree is a good representative of the species in terms of its form and branching habit with minor deviations from normal (e.g. crown distortion/suppression) with a crown density of at least 70% (normal); The subject tree is visible from the street and surrounding properties and makes a positive contribution to the visual character and the amenity of the area
4. MODERATE	The tree has no known or suspected historical association, but does not detract or diminish the value of the item and is	The subject tree is a non-local native or exotic species that is protected under the provisions of the local or state planning controls	The subject tree has a medium live crown size exceeding 40m²; the tree is a fair representative of the species, exhibiting moderate deviations from typical form (distortion/suppression etc) with a crown density of more than 50% (thinning to normal); and
	sympathetic to the original era of planting.	(Development Control Plan etc).	The tree is visible from surrounding properties, but is not visually prominent – view may be partially obscured by other vegetation or built forms. The tree makes a fair contribution to the visual character and amenity of the area.
5. LOW	The subject tree detracts from heritage values or diminishes the value of a heritage item	The subject tree is scheduled as exempt (not protected) under the provisions of the local or state planning controls (DCP etc) due to its species, nuisance or position relative to buildings or other structures.	The subject tree has a small live crown size of less than 40m² and can be replaced within the short term (5-10 years) with new tree planting
6. VERY LOW	The subject tree is causing significant damage to a heritage Item.	The subject tree is listed as an Environment Weed Species in the relevant Local Government Area, being invasive, or is a known nuisance species.	The subject tree is not visible from surrounding properties (visibility obscured) and makes a negligible contribution or has a negative impact on the amenity and visual character of the area. The tree is a poor representative of the species, showing significant deviations from the typical form and branching habit with a crown density of less than 50% (sparse).
7. INSIGNIFICA NT	The tree is completely dead and has no known heritage value (or any habitat value)	The tree is scheduled as a potential 'Biosecurity Risk' ('Priority Weed' – formerly 'Noxious Weed') within NSW or within the relevant Local Government Area under the provisions of the <i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i>	The tree is completely dead and represents a potential hazard.

Ref:- Morton, A (2006) Determining the Retention Value of Trees on Development Sites

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# APPENDIX 2 – ACCEPTABLE INCURSIONS TO THE TREE PROTECTION ZONE (TPZ)



NOTE: Less than 10% TPZ area and outside SRZ. Any loss of TPZ compensated for elsewhere.

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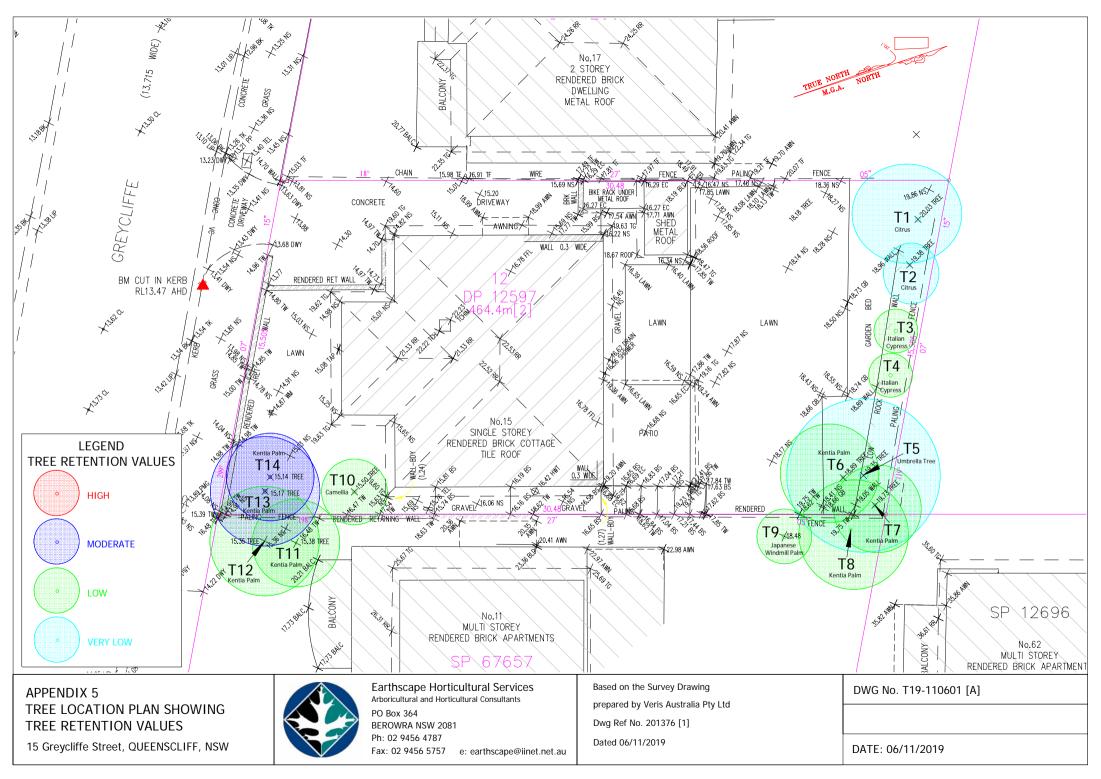
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Tree Identification No.	Species	Height (m)	Spread (m)	Trunk Diameter (mm)	Live Crown S (m²)	Maturity Class	Condition	Previous Pruning	Vigour	Pest & Disease	Remaining Safe Useful Life Expectancy (SULE)	Landscape Significance Rating	Retention Value	Location
1	Citrus sp. (Citrus)	4.5	5	220	15	M	Appears stable with fair branching structure. Exhibits multiple small wounds and stubs due previous borer damage & subsequent branch loss.	Lower PLs & SLs lopped to 1.5 metres	.Fair	Low borer infestation	Short 5-15 Years	6	Very Low	On-site
2	Citrus sp. (Citrus)	3.5	з	70x3	4.5	M	Appears stable with poor branching structure. Exhibits multiple small wounds and stubs due previous borer damage & subsequent branch loss.	Lower PLs & SLs lopped to 1.5 metres	Poor with sparse crown	High borer infestation	Transient (less than 5 years)	6	Very Low	On-site
3	Cupressus sempervirens 'Stricta' (Italian Cypress)	6	2	160	8	SM	Appears stable with sound branching structure.	Crown lifted to 1.5 metres	.Fair	Low Ivy infestation	Medium 15-40 Years	6	Low	On-site
4	Cupressus sempervirens 'Stricta' (Italian Cypress)	7	2	170	10	SM	Appears stable with sound branching structure.	Crown lifted to 1.5 metres	Good	Moderate Ivy infestation	Medium 15-40 Years	6	Low	On-site
5	Schefflera actinophylla (Umbrella Tree)	9	7	200x4 + 100x4	42	M	Appears stable with poor branching structure. Exhibits multiple epicormic sprouts emanating from old pruning wounds. Multiple high bark inclusions at 0.5 - 1 metre.	Previously lopped at 5 metres (crown restored)	Good	No Evidence	Short 5-15 Years	6	Very Low	On-site
6	Howea forsteriana (Kentia Palm)	7	4.5	156	13.5	SM	Appears stable with fair branching structure. Crown suppressed on north-east side due to crowding. Prominent lean to the south-west. Root ball partially exposed due surface erosion/soil displacement.	No Evidence	.Fair	Moderate Palm Rust infection	Medium 15-40 Years	6	Low	On-site
7	Howea forsteriana (Kentia Palm)	10	4	172	12	М	Appears stable with sound branching structure. Prominent lean to the east.	No Evidence	Good	Low Palm Rust infection	Long - more than 40 years	6	Low	On-site
8	Howea forsteriana (Kentia Palm)	7	5	120	20	SM	Appears stable with sound branching structure.	No Evidence	Very Good	No Evidence	Long - more than 40 years	6	Low	Adjoining property
9	Trachycarpus fortunei (Chinese Windmill Palm)	3	2.5	200	2.5	SM	Appears stable with sound branching structure.	No Evidence	Good	No Evidence	Long - more than 40 years	6	Low	Adjoining property

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10	Camellia japonica (Camellia)	3.5	3	60x2	7.5	SM	Appears stable with sound branching structure.	No Evidence	Very Good	No Evidence	Long - more than 40 years	6	Low	On-site
11	Howea forsteriana (Kentia Palm)	3.5	4	100	10	I	Appears stable with sound branching structure. Located with raised planter (terrace garden).	No Evidence	Good	No Evidence	Long - more than 40 years	6	Low	Adjoining property
12	Howea forsteriana (Kentia Palm)	5.5	5	100	17.5	SM	Appears stable with sound branching structure. Located with raised planter (terrace garden).	No Evidence	Good	No Evidence	Long - more than 40 years	6	Low	Adjoining property
13	Howea forsteriana (Kentia Palm)	11	5	175	20	М	Appears stable with sound branching structure. Located close to existing retaining wall (offset 1.6 metres) within lawn terrace.	No Evidence	.Fair	Moderate Palm Rust infection	Medium 15-40 Years	6	Moderate	On-site
14	Howea forsteriana (Kentia Palm)	8	4	143	8	M	Appears stable with sound branching structure. Located close to existing retaining wall (< 2 metres) within lawn terrace. Exbits an obtuse 's' bend in trunk (self-corrected) from 3 to 5 metres.	No Evidence	.Fair	Moderate Palm Rust infection	Medium 15-40 Years	6	Modrate	On-site

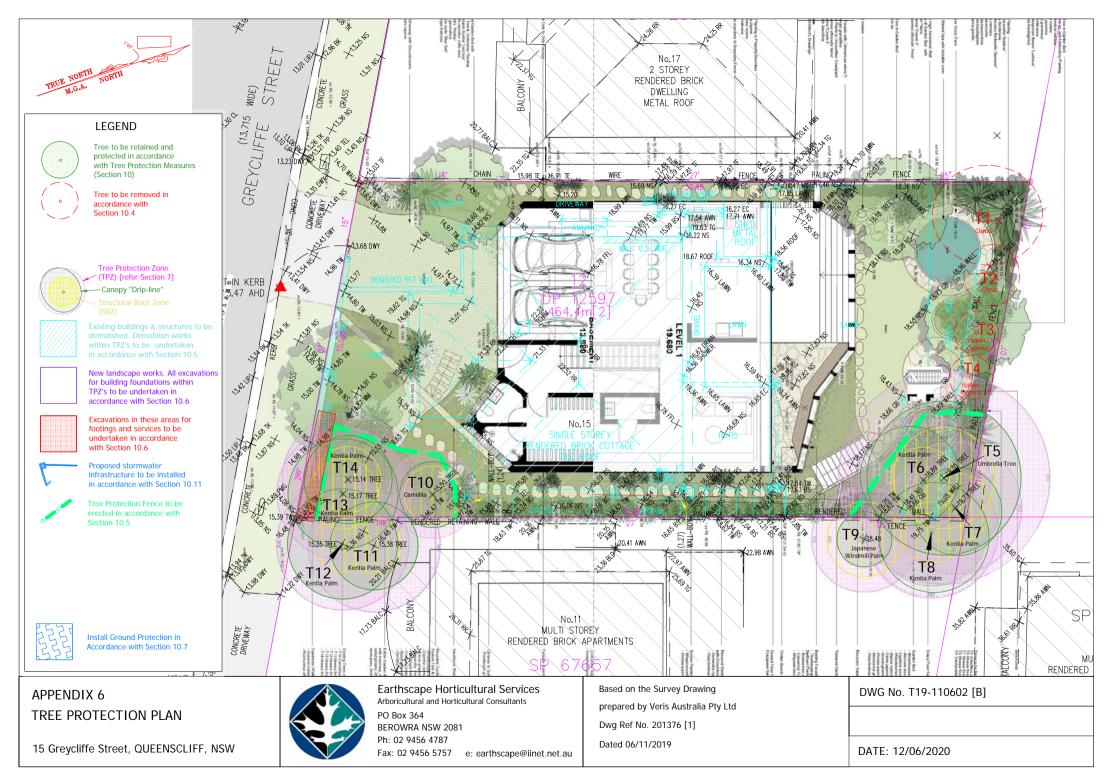
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Tree Identification No.	Species	Construction Tolerance	Tree Protection Zone (m R)	Structural Root Zone (m R)	TPZ (m²)	Incursions To Root Zone &/or Canopy	Likely Impact	Recommendation						
1	Citrus sp. (Citrus)	М	2.6	1.8	21.9	Proposed spa and associated retaining wall offset 0.5 metres south at RL 19.13 (700-800mm below grade). Excavations for retaining wall foundations & bulk excavation for spa within SRZ.	Proposed works will necessitate removal	Remove tree.						
2	Citrus sp. (Citrus)	М	1.8	1.5	10.2	Located within footprint of proposed retaining wall associated with proposed spa.	Proposed works will necessitate removal	Remove tree.						
3	Cupressus sempervirens 'Stricta' (Italian Cypress)	М	1.9	1.5	11.6	Proposed circular paved seating area and associated retaining wall offset 0.8 metres southeast at RL 18.68 (400-600mm below grade). Excavations for retaining wall foundations & bulk excavation for paved area within SRZ.	Proposed works will necessitate removal	Remove tree.						
4	Cupressus sempervirens 'Stricta' (Italian Cypress)	М	2.0	1.6	13.1	Located within footprint of proposed retaining wall associated with proposed circular paved seating area.	Proposed works will necessitate removal	Remove tree.						
5	Schefflera actinophylla (Umbrella Tree)	М	4.8	2.3	72.3	wall/kerb offset 2.7 metres south-west at RL18.68 (close to existing grade grade). Excavations for	Extent of encroachment to TPZ (excluding over-excavation to facilitate construction) exceeds acceptable limits under AS 4970:2009. However, this tree will tolerate the extent of the encroachment proposed.	Retain in accordance with recommended Tree Protection Measures (Section 10). Carefully demolish existing low stone wall by hand within TPZ in accordance with Section 10.8. Undertake all excavations for retaining wall foundations in accordance with Section 10.9. Limit overexcavation (to facilitate construction of retaining wall) to no greater than 800 mm beyond face of wall.						

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Tree Identification No.	Species	Construction Tolerance	Tree Protection Zone (m R)	Structural Root Zone (m R)	TPZ (m²)	Incursions To Root Zone &/or Canopy	Likely Impact	Recommendation					
6	Howea forsteriana (Kentia Palm)	G	3.0	1.5	28.3	Proposed lawn terrace & associated retaining wall/kerb offset 2.1 metres south-west at RL18.68 (close to existing grade grade). Excavations for retaining wall foundations & terrace within TPZ. Encroachment to TPZ = 8%.	Extent of encroachment to root zone is less than 10% of the TPZ, which is considered within acceptable limits under AS 4970:2009. No adverse impact.	Retain in accordance with recommended Tree Protection Measures (Section 10). Undertake all excavations for retaining wall foundations in accordance with Section 10.9. Limit overexcavation (to facilitate construction of retaining wall) to no greater than 800 mm beyond face of wall.					
7	Howea forsteriana (Kentia Palm)	G	3.0	1.6	28.3	No proposed works within TPZ	No adverse impact.	Retain in accordance with recommended Tree Protection Measures (Section 10). Retain existing ground levels within TPZ.					
8	Howea forsteriana (Kentia Palm)	G	3.0	1.4	28.3	No proposed works within TPZ	No adverse impact.	Retain in accordance with recommended Tree Protection Measures (Section 10). Retain existing ground levels within TPZ.					
9	Trachycarpus fortunei (Chinese Windmill Palm)	G	2.4	1.7	18.1	metres below grade). Excavations for stiars & retaining wall foundations within TPZ (beyond	Extent of encroachment to root zone is less than 10% of the TPZ, which is considered within acceptable limits under AS 4970:2009. No adverse impact.	Retain in accordance with recommended Tree Protection Measures (Section 10). Undertake all excavations for retaining wall foundations in accordance with Section 10.9. Limit overexcavation (to facilitate construction of retaining wall) to no greater than 800 mm beyond face of wall.					
10	Camellia japonica (Camellia)	М	2.0	1.3	12.6	No proposed works within TPZ	No adverse impact.	To be retained - no special tree protection measures required.					
11	Howea forsteriana (Kentia Palm)	G	3.0	1.3	28.3	No proposed works within TPZ	No adverse impact.	To be retained - no special tree protection measures required.					
12	Howea forsteriana (Kentia Palm)	G	3.0	1.3	28.3	No proposed works within TPZ	No adverse impact.	To be retained - no special tree protection measures required.					

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13	Howea forsteriana (Kentia Palm)	O	3.0	1.6	28.3	Existing masonry retaining wall (900mm high) offset 1.6 metres south-west to be demolished within TPZ and new wall constructed in a similar position. Some over-excavation required within TPZ to facilitate construction of new wall.	No adverse impact, provided that all proposed works within TPZ are undertaken as recommended.	Retain in accordance with recommended Tree Protection Measures (Section 10). Demolish existing retaining wall within TPZ in accordance with Section 10.8. Undertake all excavations for retaining wall foundations in accordance with Section 10.9. Limit over-excavation (to facilitate construction of retaining wall) to no greater than 800 mm beyond face of wall. Maintain existing ground levels within TPZ.
14	Howea forsteriana (Kentia Palm)	G	3.0	1.5		Existing masonry retaining wall (900mm high) offset 1.6 metres south-west to be demolished within TPZ and new wall constructed in a similar position. Some over-excavation required within TPZ to facilitate construction of new wall.	No adverse impact, provided that all proposed works within TPZ are undertaken as recommended.	Retain in accordance with recommended Tree Protection Measures (Section 10). Demolish existing retaining wall within TPZ in accordance with Section 10.8. Undertake all excavations for retaining wall foundations in accordance with Section 10.9. Limit over-excavation (to facilitate construction of retaining wall) to no greater than 800 mm beyond face of wall. Maintain existing ground levels within TPZ.



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