

26th July, 2021

Daniel Pszczonka,
Rise Projects,
57/6-89 Herbert Street,
ST LEONARDS, NSW, 2065



Dear Daniel,

Statement of Site attendance:

DA2020/1163

24 Wandeen Rd, Clareville

Blues Brothers Arboriculture attended the abovementioned site on the 23rd of July 2021 for the purposes of conducting a routine inspection of the trees, tree protection and in response to a complaint regarding tree stability.

Trees for retention under the development were assessed and seen to be in good health with no evidence of injury, illness or impact from development sighted.

Previously observed tree protection measures remained on the site and located approximately within the recommended locations. Fencing within the vicinity of tree 20 was seen to be located closer than previously recommended; however, a concession is granted to permit access to undertake the approved works.

It is recommended that the alignment of this fencing is restored to the originally recommended alignment as soon as practical following the completion of works within this vicinity.

The arborist understands that *a complaint* has been received regarding the stability of located on the northern extents of the property.

The arborist understands that uncontrolled stormwater is being released from the neighbouring property of 26 Wandeen Road causing considerable erosion of soils into the site. Alterations to the original DA include the construction of sandstone retaining walls to level and contain a stormwater dispersment system to manage overland water flow.

As discussed, the wall is understood to be constructed entirely above grade with no requirement for engineered footings and the area to be contained by the retaining wall will be filled with soil recycled from the site.

The arborist supports the construction of these retaining walls as indicated above provided that:

- The walls are constructed and infilled in a manner which does not require soil cuts below existing grade. Excavation of soils below existing grade is not permitted.
- The location of retaining walls is kept outside the structural root zones of trees to be retained.
- Any soil infilling must not change the existing soil levels around the base of any tree except for replacing soil lost due to erosion. This is essential to minimise the risk of the basal root collar from developing rot or other pathogenic condition.

It is understood that tree protective fencing within this vicinity will need to be moved to accommodate such works. Fencing shall be located no less than 1m from trees to be retained during construction and reinstated as close to the originally recommended alignment following construction.

Tree impacts from these changes are anticipated to be low in nature however ongoing monitoring for tree health is recommended following the conclusion of development.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



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