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16 November 2005

Sunrise Pools Pty Ltd 5/8 Victoria Avenue CASTLE HILL NSW 2154



Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Construction Certificate CC0539/05

Property: 277 LOWER PLATEAU ROAD BILGOLA PLATEAU NSW 2107

Please find enclosed your approved Construction Certificate and stamped plans.

Did you know that work is unable to commence until such time as a completed Notification of Commencement Form has been submitted to Council at least two (2) days prior to starting work? Not to do so is a breach of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, which would result in a Penalty Infringement Notice (on-the-spot fine) being issued to you and the builder.

To assist you please find enclosed a "Notification of Commencement and Principal Certifying Authority Service Agreement" form to enable you to appoint Pittwater Council as your Principal Certifying Authority (PCA). Please complete this form and return it to Council's Customer Service together with the PCA appointment fee as detailed in the form.

If appointed as the PCA, Council would carry our various inspections as indicated in Part 6 of the enclosed "Notification of Commencement and Principal Certifying Authority Service Agreement" form and ultimately issue an Occupation Certificate for your development. Appointment and inspection fees are also detailed in the enclosed form

Council will endorse your "Notice of Commencement and Principal Certifying Authority Service Agreement" form and return a copy to the applicant with advice as to the required critical stage and other inspections to be carried out by Council.

Council is committed to providing a quality service and would value your business in being appointed as the Principal Certifying Authority for your development.

An Officer will contact you in the next few days to discuss your development and help ensure your development progresses smoothly.

Yours faithfully

Development Compliance Group

Per:



Pittwater Council

Construction Certificate No: CC0539/05

Site Details:

277 LOWER PLATEAU ROAD BILGOLA PLATEAU NSW 2107

Legal Description:

Lot 7 DP 221637

Type of Development:

Building Work

Description:

A swimming pool

Associated Development Consent No:

N0443/05

Dated:

29/08/2005

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Building Code of Australia Certification: Class 10b

Details of plans, documents or Certificates to which this Certificate relates:

- · Architectural plans prepared by Right Angle Drafting, Drawing No's. SRP0506-1A, SRP0506-2 and SRP0506-3 dated 5 June 2005.
- Sydney Water Quick Check Approval stamp dated 21 July 2005.
- · Structural Engineers details, prepared by Swimming Pools Consultants, trading as Geoff Ninnes, Fong & Partners, Pty. Ltd. Drawing No's. SUN0530/1, SUN0530/2 and SUN0530/3 dated September 2005. .
- Form No. 2 of Geotechnical Risk Management Policy For Pittwater, prepared by Brad Fond of Geoff Ninnes, Fong and Partners and endorsed by Jack Hodgson Consultants Pty.Limited, dated 4 November 2005.
- Arborist report and plan of management, prepared by Urban Forestry Australia dated September 2005.
- Site plan drawing No.SRP0506-1 dated 5 June 2005 indicating the location of three canopy trees to be planted, in accordance with condition 16.

I hereby certify that the above plans, documents or Certificates satisfy:

- The relevant provisions of the Building Code of Australia.
- The relevant conditions of Development Consent No:

N0443/05

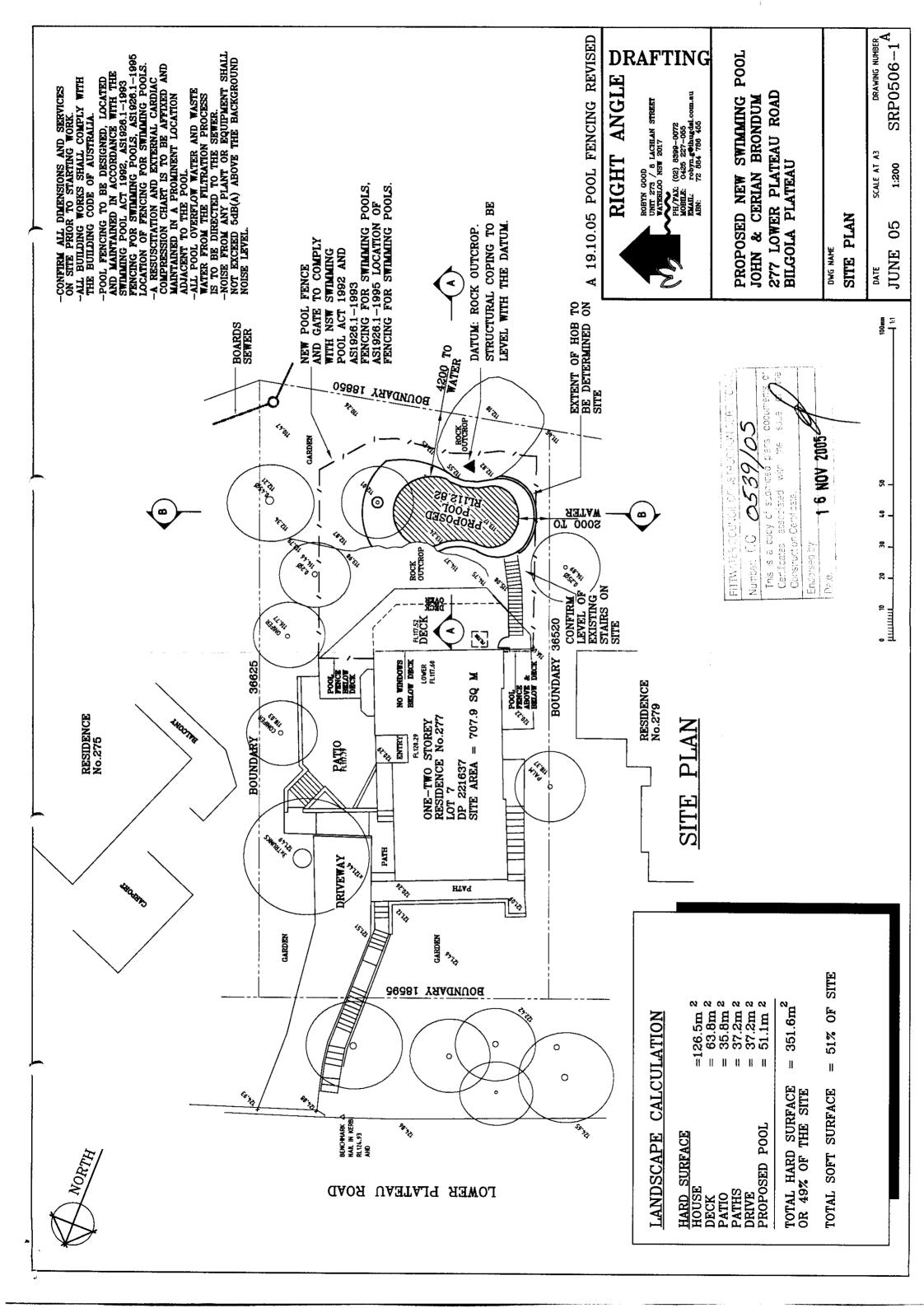
Further that the work, completed in accordance with the Building Code of Australia, all relevant Australian Standards and these plans and specifications, will comply with the requirements of Section 81A(5) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment (Amendment) Act, 1997.

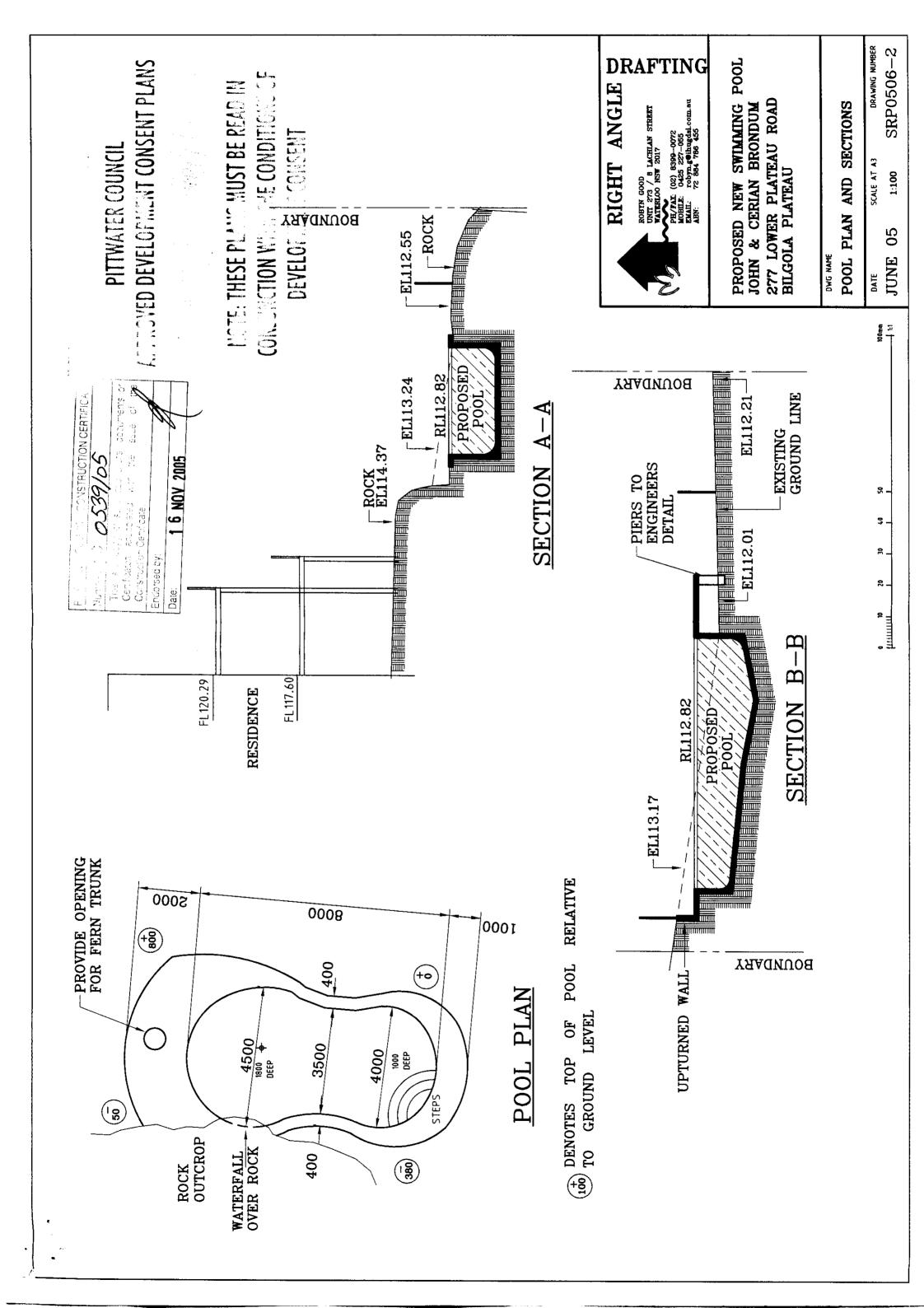
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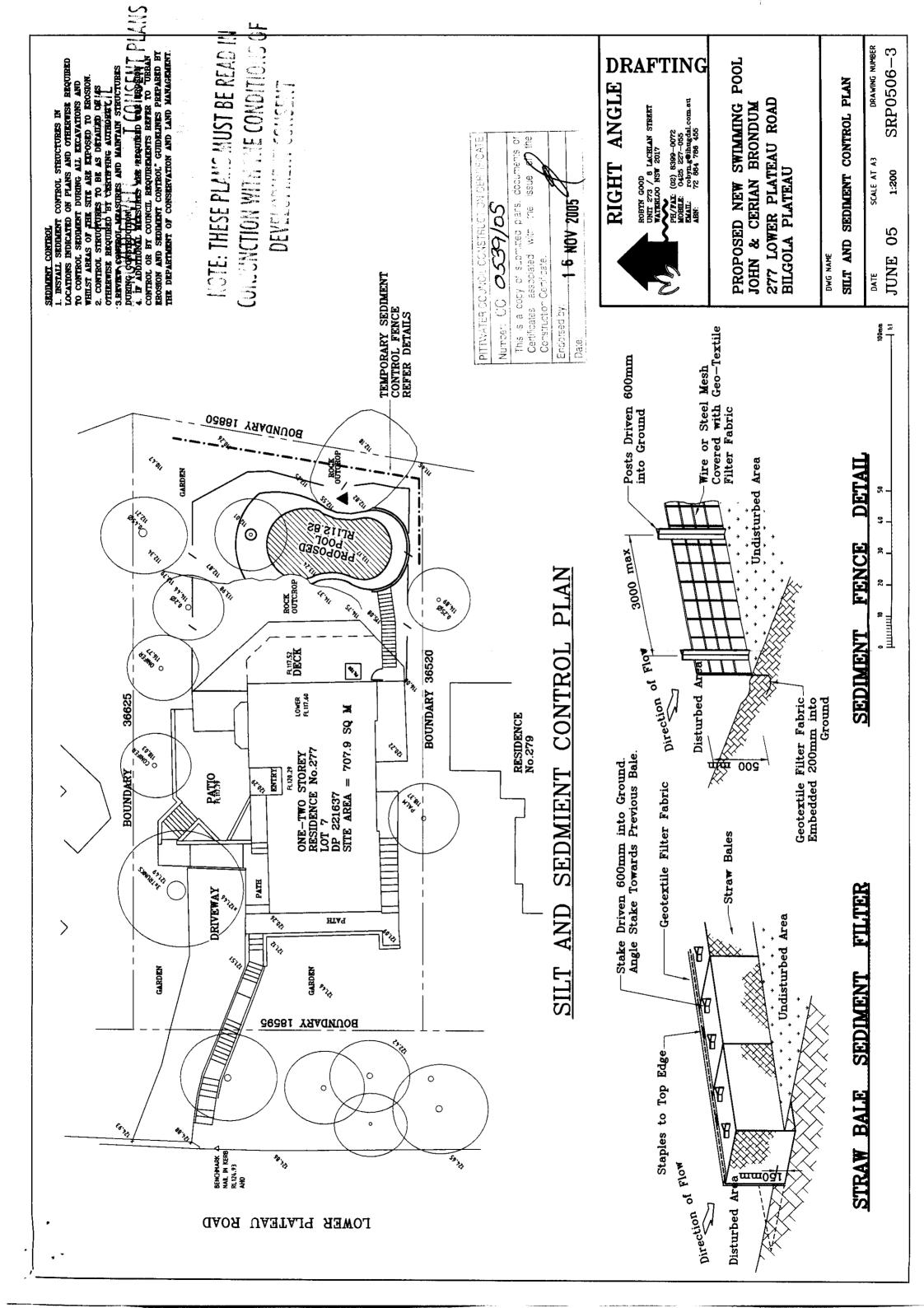
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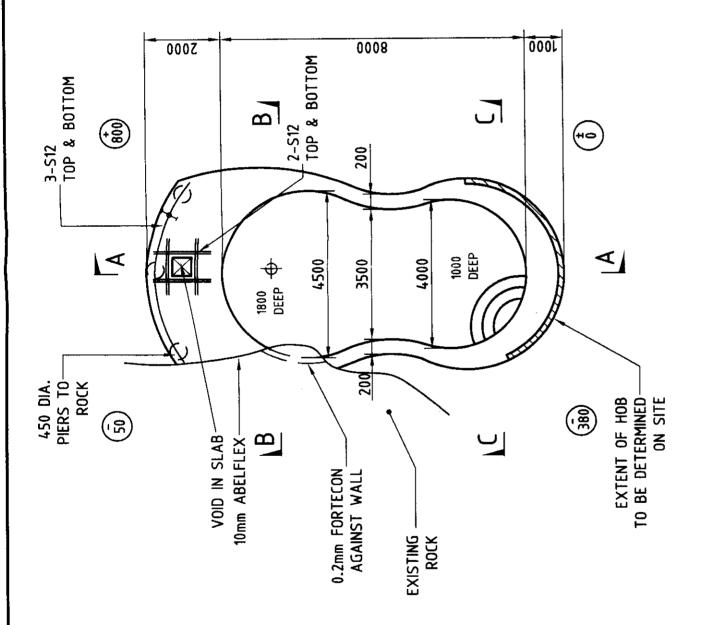
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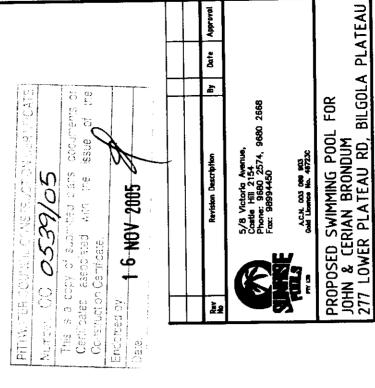




PLAN POOL

DENOTES APPROX. HEIGHT OF POOL ABOVE EXISTING GROUND LEVEL.

NOTE: THIS POOL IS NOT DESIGNED FOR DIVING



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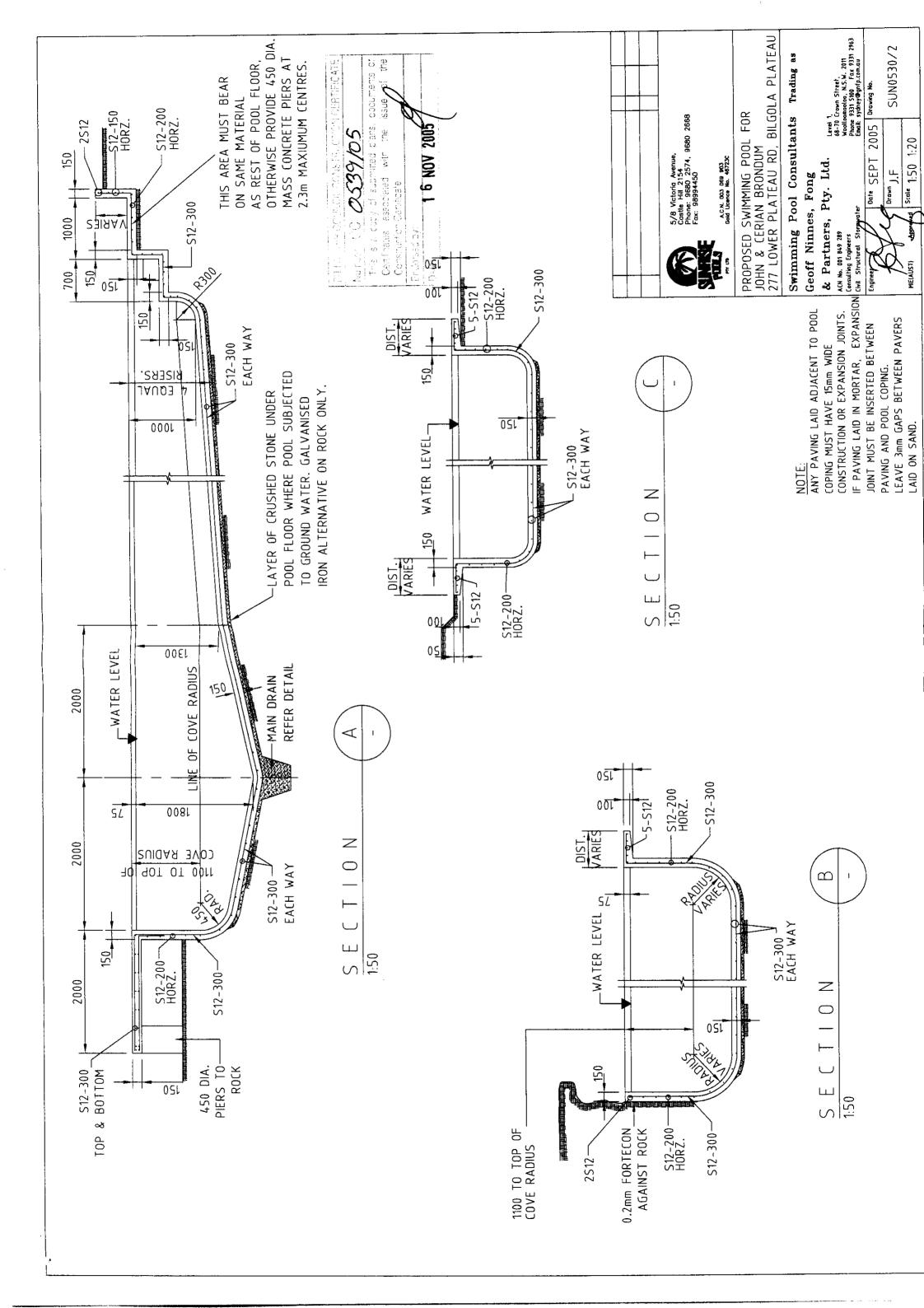
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BUILDER: GENERAL

- 61 This design applies anly for ground levels as shown.
 62 All workmanship and materials shall comply with relevant current SAA codes, 8y-laws and ordinances of the local Building Authority.
 63 The overall dimensions shall be checked on site. Dimensions shown are concrete sizes and do not include finishes. These drawings are to be read in conjunction with the Contract but do not form part of the Contract. Do not scale from this drawing. Any discrepancies shall be notified to the
- The foundation material must be stable, in natural ground, and uniform and shall have a minimum bearing capacity of 150 kPa for piers 350 kPa Any variation in foundations from that assumed shall be immediately referred to the Engineer. 75
- G5 Excavations shall not be permitted within 2 metres of an existing structure without prior approval or recommendations for shoring or underpinning provided by the Engineer.

 G6 Walkways have been designed for a distributed load of 3KPa. Balustrade load is 30 kg/m UNO. No additional loads shall be permitted without prior approval from the Engineer. N.B. Engineer should be notified if masonry walls, planter boxes or heavy loads are to be placed on walkways.

 G7 Provide temporary drain holes in both shallow and deep ends of pool shell. Hydro valve to be cleared of debris on completion of concreting.

 G8 Underside of pool shell to be separated from underlying material by 75mm layer of crushed stone draining to hydrostatic valve.

 Place membrane between pool shell and bluemetal.

 Corrugated iron alternative on rock only. Fill main drain sump with blue metal.
- Corrugated iron alternative on rock only. Fill main G9 Notify Engineer if pool more than 900 above N.G.L.

CONCRETE NOTES

- 8 day compressive S1012 and suitable for s shall be in accordance (1 The mix shall be proportioned to produce a minimum 28 strength of 25MPa when tested in accordance with AS1 pneumatic application. All workman-ship and materials with AS2783:1994.
 (2 Exclude calcium chloride. Max aggregate size 10mm. M 80mm. Cement type A.
 - Max slump
- Floor
 Malls
 Beams
 Fig. 65
 Walls
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 Fig. 60
 Fig. 60 Face
- supported on non-rusting
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- CS Reinforcement to comply with SAA Standards and be supported on non-rustic chairs at approximately 1m centres.

 C6 Reinforcement to be adequately wire tied with wire ends flattened into plane of bars. Seperate tap bars by 75mm.

 C7 All splices to bars and fabric to be 450.

 S = Grade 230 structural grade deformed

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 R = Grade 420 plane grade round.

 F = Grade 450 hard drawn wire fabric.

 C8 Plastic chairs that restrict entry of concrete into and around them shall not be used. around them shall ထ

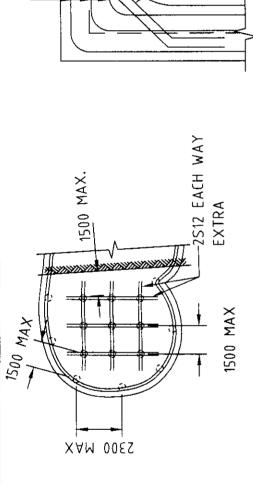
POOL OWNER NOTES

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- this drawing is site. 01 If owner is dissatisfied with initial pool set out, tocati should be notified before steel reinforcement is fixed. 02 The position of skimmers, lights, return lines etc. on indicative only and final position ot be determined on
- 03 The pool concrete should be cured by hosing four times per day for seven days (10 days in summer) to keep exposed concrete continually wet after
- ignage to SAA code concrete placement.

 04. Safety fencing should be in accordance with Local Councils requirements and conform to Australian Standards.

 05 The pool is not designed for diving. Provide safety signage to SAA cod and Council requirements and AS2416, AS2899.2.

GROUND WALLS AND COPINGS. PLASTIC CHAIRS SHALL NOT BE USED. WHERE PLASTIC CHAIRS ARE USED ELSEWHERE IN POOL, WIRE CHAIRS (PLASTIC TIPPED) TO BE USED IN ALL OUT OF PARTICULAR CARE TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE CONCRETE IS COMPACTED AROUND AND UNDER CHAIR.



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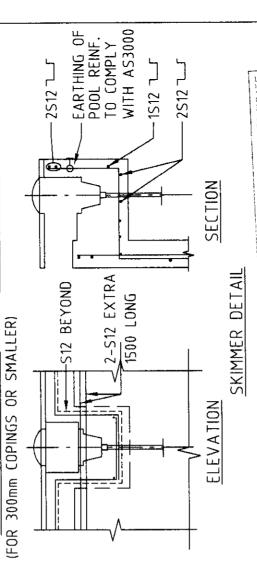
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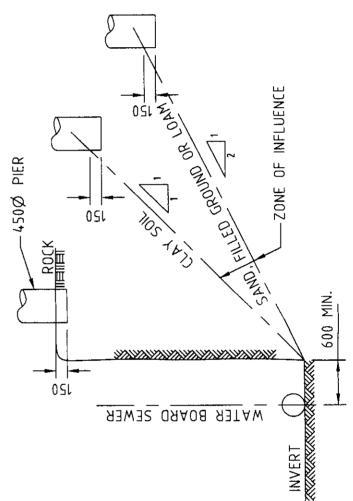
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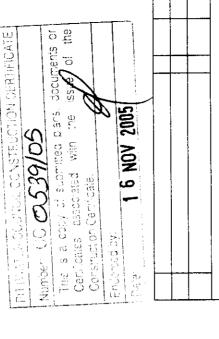
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(THIS POOL IS NOT DESIGNED FOR DIVING)





WATER BOARD SEWER DETAILS INDICATIVE ONLY, ENGINEER TO BE NOTIFIED IF SEWER IS ADJACENT TO OR UNDER POOL



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BILGOLA PLATEAU PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL FOR JOHN & CERIAN BRONDUM 277 LOWER PLATEAU RD, BILGO

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SYDNEY WATER

FILLING OF SWIMMING POOLS

The water supply to the pool must be drawn from \boldsymbol{a} pool must be at least 150mm above the highest metered service and any tap or hose used to fill the possible water level of the pool.

EMPTYING OF SWIMMING POOLS

Pools emptying into Sydney Water's Sewer must:

Discharge into a gully through a pipe.
Discharge only in dry weather, with prior approval from Sydney Water's Customer

IT IS PROHIBITED TO DISCHARGE POOL WATER INTO ANY OF SYDNEY WATER'S VACUUM SYSTEM SEWERS. NOTE:

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SYDNEY WATER APPROVED

- Position of structure in relation to Sydney
- services may only be made following the issue Water's assets is satisfactory.
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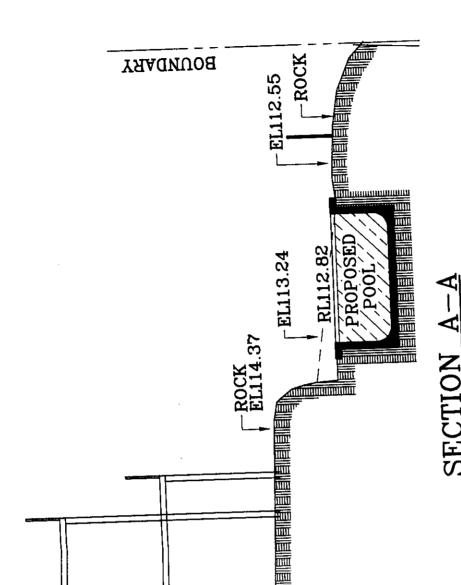
- It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that all proposed fittings will drain to Sydney Water's sewer. 3
 - Any Plumbing and /or Drainage Work to be carried out in accordance with the Sydney Water Act 1994, AS 3500 and the NSW Code
- Gullies, Inspection Shafts and Boundary Traps shall not be placed under any Roof, Balcony, Verandah, Floor or other cover unless Water. Sydney of practice. 'n

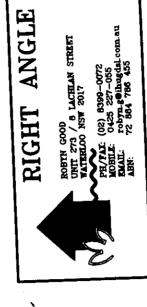
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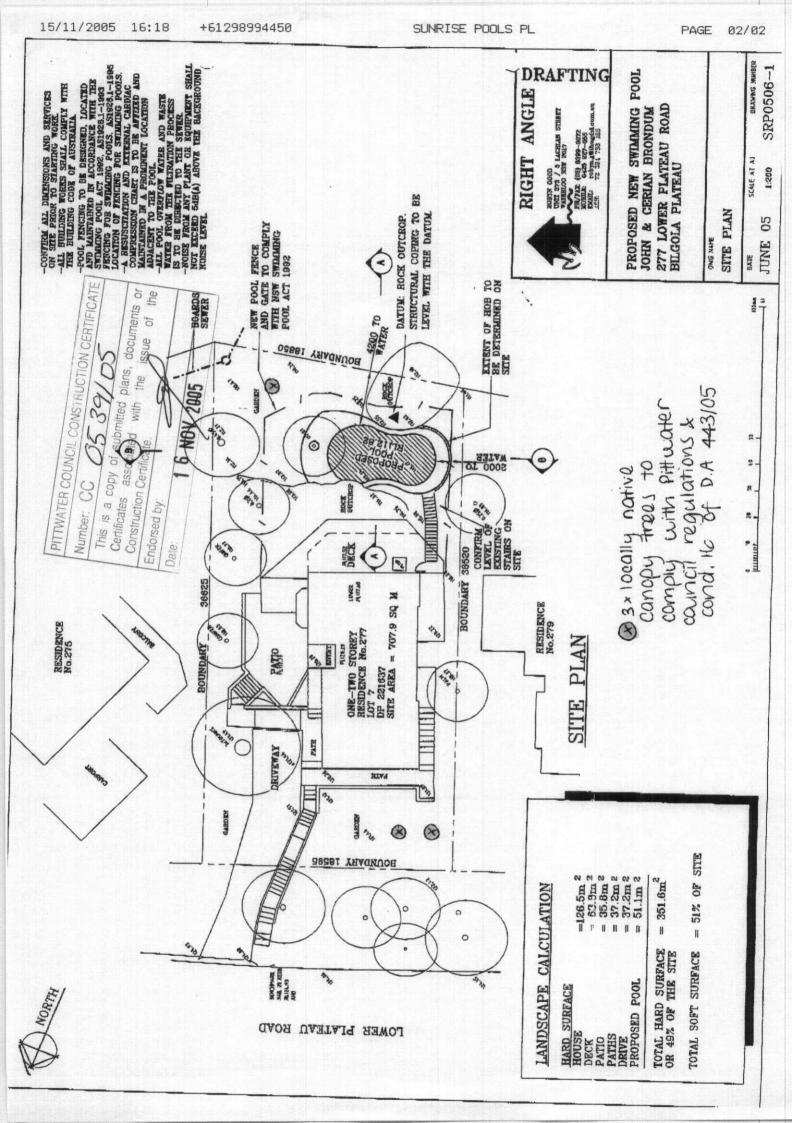
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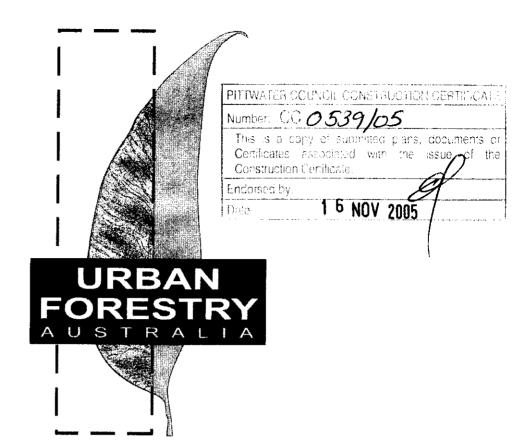
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TREE MANAGEMENT CONSULTING ARBORICULTURISTS

ARBORICULTURAL ASSESSMENT

PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR TREES WITHIN 5 METRES
OF A PROPOSED POOL

for

Sunrise Pools Australia Pty Ltd 5/8 Victoria Avenue CASTLE HILL NSW 2154

SITE ADDRESS

277 LOWER PLATEAU ROAD BILGOLA PLATEAU NSW

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This Arboricultural Assessment was commissioned by Ms Kelly Robinson of Sunrise Pools Australia Pty Ltd., on behalf of the owners of the subject site.

- 1.2 The subject site is identified as 277 Lower Plateau Road, Bilgola Plateau, New South Wales
- 1.3 This Arboricultural Assessment addresses the proposed construction of an approved swimming pool in the rear yard of the subject site.
- 1.4 This Arboricultural Assessment reports on the health and condition of surveyed trees, and examines the possible development impacts on trees in proximity to the proposal.
 - This Arboricultural Assessment gives recommendations as to the retention or removal of trees on the site based on their Safe Useful Life Expectancy, comments on the nature of the development, and gives recommendations to minimize any identified impacts from the proposed development.
- 1.5 A Plan of Management has been prepared for the trees to be retained on the site, and is included in the Recommendations section of this assessment.
- 1.6 Information contained in this Arboricultural Assessment covers only the trees that were examined and reflects the condition of the trees at the time of inspection. Care has been taken to obtain all information from reliable sources.
 All data has been verified as far as possible; however, I can neither guarantee nor be responsible for the accuracy of information provided by others.
- 1.7 This Arboricultural Assessment is not intended as an assessment of any impacts on trees by any proposed future development of the site, other than the current approved development.
- 1.8 This report is not intended to be a comprehensive hazard assessment, however the report may make recommendations, where appropriate, for further testing of trees where potential structural problems have been identified or where belowground investigation may be required.

2 METHODOLOGY

2.1 In preparation for this report a ground level visual tree assessment (Mattheck 1994) was undertaken by the author of this Arboricultural Assessment on Friday 26 September, 2005.

- 2.2 The inspection was limited to visual examination of the subject trees without dissection, excavation, probing or coring.
 No aerial (climbing) inspections, woody tissue testing or tree root investigation was undertaken as part of this tree assessment.
- 2.3 Tree height and canopy spread of the subject trees was estimated and expressed in metres.
 - Trunk diameter at breast height (DBH) was estimated at approximately 1.4 metres above ground level.
- 2.4 Plans and/or documents used for the preparation of this Arboricultural Assessment include:
 - Site Plan, Dwg, No. SRP0506 1, dated June 2005, prepared by Right Angle Drafting;
 - Pool Plan and Sections, Dwg, No. SRP0506 2, dated June 2005, prepared by Right Angle Drafting; and
 - Excerpt of Pittwater Council Conditions of Development Consent for the construction of a swimming pool.
- 2.5 Six (6) trees inside the subject site were assessed for this report.

3 DISCUSSION

3.1 Location of Existing Trees

3.1.1 The subject trees are located in the east, south and west perimeters of the site. A cleared area between two large rock outcrops is approved for the location of the proposed pool.

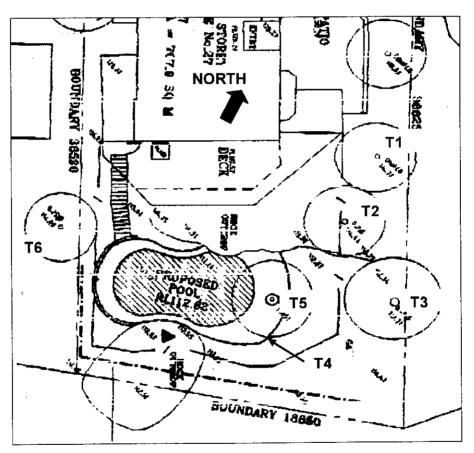


Figure 1 Location of subject trees in rear yard of subject site.

3.2 Tree Details

3.2.1 Schedule of Surveyed Trees

Tree No.	Species and Common Name	Height (M)	Canopy spread (M)	DBH (mm)	Age	Health	Condition	SULE
1	Cupressus macrocarpa Monterey Cypress							
2	Elaeocarpus reticulatus Blueberry Ash	11	6	280	M	Fair	Fair	3A
3	Ceratopetalum apetalum Coachwood	15	10	480	М	Good	Good	2A
4	Cyathea australis Tree Fern x 2	3 – 4	4	120	М	Good	Good	ЗА
5	Livistona australis Cabbage Tree Palm	9	6	400	SM	Good	Good	1A
6	Allocasuarina torulosa Forest Oak	11	7	320	М	Fair	Fair	3B

- 3.2.2 With the exception of Tree 1, all trees are locally indigenous species.
 Tree 1 is an introduced conifer and the species is exempt from protection under the Tree Preservation and Management Order.
- 3.2.3 No trees meet the physical criteria defining them as significant¹, however the species assemblage is typical of local rainforest communities and contributes to the local character and biodiversity of the locality.

i. are listed as Heritage Items in Pittwater LEP 1993; and/or

Significant trees are trees that:

ii. contribute substantially, either individually or as a component of a tree group, to the landscape character, amenity, cultural values or biodiversity of their locality. (Generally trees with a girth greater than 500mm and a canopy spread of 6m radius would be considered significant however this should be confirmed by an independent arborist.) Pittwater Council DCP – Pittwater 21, Section A, p 16.

3.3 Proposed Tree Removal

3.3.1 No trees are proposed for removal.

3.4 Potential Impacts on Trees to be Retained

- 3.4.1 The proposed pool is set back at adequate distance from the majority of the subject trees and excavation for the pool is not expected to have a significant effect on nearby trees.
- 3.4.2 The excavation for the pool is about 700mm from the stem of the Cabbage Tree Palm (T5), which is enough to accommodate the root mass at the base of the tree and some space between the roots and pool wall.
- 3.4.3 The proposed deck around Tree 2 is to have an opening to accommodate the stem of the tree. This is easily constructed, but must allow for stem movement and expansion over time to avoid damage to the tree and deck.
- 3.4.4 The deck may also conflict with the location of the two (2) Tree Ferns located approximately 3 metres south of Tree 5. These tree ferns can be retained but this may require some slight amendment to the deck design to allow their retention.
- 3.4.5 The pool fencing location is very close to the Blueberry Ash, northeast of the pool. Final location of the fence will need to allow a minimum distance of 100 200 mm from the base of the tree to ensure no damage is inflicted on the tree. Locations for fence posts will need to be flexible to ensure no damage to woody support roots occurs.
 These requirements are minor and can be easily incorporated without affecting the construction of the pool fence.
- 3.4.6 The remaining trees i.e. Trees 1, 3 and 6, are not expected to suffer any impacts as a result of the excavation and construction of the approved pool.

4 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 There are no trees to be removed as part of this approved development.
- **4.2** Trees within proximity to the development can be retained without significant or adverse impacts on their health or condition, provided adequate protection measures are installed prior to construction.

4.3 Some minor adjustment to the location of the pool fence is likely, if damage to the stem or roots of trees is to be avoided.

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5 RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Specific

5.1.1 Tree 5

- Prior to commencement of work, Tree 5 must be provided with hessian wrapping of a minimum thickness of 25mm, from base to 2.0 metres above existing ground level, in order to protect the stem against physical damage.
- 2. The ground beneath the palm is to be covered in leaf mulch to a depth of 100mm and a radial setback of 1.5 metres to reduce soil compaction during works.
- 3. Allowance must be made for a minimum gap of 100mm between any parts of the proposed deck to the stem of the palm. Provision of a flexible rubber collar to this gap will prevent debris or other objects from falling through or being caught in the gap, and prevent damage to the structure and the stem of the palm.
- 5.1.2 The location of the proposed pool fencing and posts is to remain flexible, where it is indicated as being within 3 metres of Trees 2 and 6.
 The fence must not be located any closer than 200mm from the stem of any tree.

6 PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

6.1 Pre - Construction

6.1.1 Tree Protection Devices

A Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) is to be provided to trees to be retained prior to the commencement of works on site, including any clearing or grading. The TPZ is to consist of 1.8m chain link with 50mm metal pole supports installed at no less than 3 metres around trees to be retained. The exceptions are Trees 4 and 5, where mulch and hessian wrapping is to be provided, and Trees 1, 2 and 6 where access to the site may be restricted with these setbacks to fencing. In this case, thick mulch must be provided in the areas where construction access to the rear yard is likely.

During installation of the protection fencing, care must be taken to avoid damage to significant roots.

Advice must be sought from a qualified arborist if protection fencing cannot be provided in accordance with the above.

6.1.2 Mulching

The inclusion of a temporary mulch layer of composted leaf and woodchip to a depth of 75mm within TPZ will help retain soil moisture, protect soil from contaminants and reduce soil compaction.

6.1.3 Signage

Signage should explain exclusion from the fenced off areas and carry a contact name for access or advice.

6.1.4 Certification

The TPZ must be inspected by an appropriately qualified arborist to ensure adequate tree protection is provided to the trees, prior to commencement of works. The arborist is to provide confirmation that protection measures are satisfactory and will meet minimum requirements for the protection of trees. In the event that protection is not considered adequate, the arborist is to advise on the appropriate materials and methods of protection to be provided to the trees to be retained.

6.2 Construction

6.2.1 Maintaining Tree Protection

The TPZ may only be removed, altered, replaced or relocated with the authorisation of the project arborist.

The contractor and supervisor of the site works must ensure that the integrity of the Tree Protection Zone is not compromised by any unauthorised activities carried out near trees to be retained.

All access to personnel and machinery, as well as storage of fuel, chemicals, cement or site sheds, is prohibited within the TPZ;

No washing of tools, wheelbarrows, etc. is to take place within 6 metres upslope of trees to be retained.

6.2.2 Site works

The following must be adhered to during all works within 5 metres of trees to be retained.

- No stock-piling is to take place around the root zones of trees.
- Providing a regular supply of water to the tree during the period of works is recommended.
- During this period it is also recommended that the tree be given fortnightly applications of a rooting hormone, such as Hormone 20®, to encourage the development of new roots.
- Service trenches should not pass through a fenced area, although if this
 cannot be avoided a qualified arborist should be present to supervise
 excavation, cut torn roots cleanly or redesign around roots.
 Any roots that must be severed <u>must</u> be cut cleanly with a sharp
 handsaw or secateurs. Tearing of roots is not acceptable.
- Any excavation within the TPZ of trees to be carried out by hand i.e. a trench along the line of cut adjacent to the tree should be carefully dug by hand to expose any roots. After cutting of roots, machinery may complete the excavation.
- Do not allow excavation vehicles or equipment to rip at, or remove the roots along the face of any excavation adjacent to a tree.

In the event the vehicles 'grab' at roots during works, the machine operator must stop work immediately and allow the roots to be cut before continuing.

- Where significant tree roots are encountered which coincide with the desired location for a pier, the location should be moved so as to avoid the root/s. In the event this is not possible to achieve, an arborist should be consulted to assess the impacts on the tree's health and stability of the removal of further significant roots.
- Irrigation An arborist should determine whether irrigation should be carried out during extended periods of drought.

6.2.3 Monitoring

The trees must be monitored for signs of stress or decline in their health or condition. Any indication of stress (e.g. dull foliage, dieback of branch tips, fresh wounds or 'bleeding', etc.) must be reported to the project arborist as soon as noted.

6.3 Post - Construction

6.3.1 Removal of Tree Protection devices

Tree protection fencing must not be removed until all site works are finished. Fencing must not be stockpiled near, or lean against trees, before being collected and removed off site.

6.3.2 Re-mulching

Mulch must be removed after construction to remove any contaminants. Replacement with a good quality mulch and addition of 10% organic matter will improve beneficial soil micro-organisms, retain moisture and improve aeration and water infiltration.

6.3.3 Landscaping

Any proposed planting locations within the TPZ of trees to be retained must remain flexible so as to avoid damage to existing roots.

In some cases, tubestock container size may be the only suitable size for planting within the root zone of a tree.

Mattocks and similar digging instruments must not be used within the dripline of trees to be retained. Planting holes should be dug by hand with a garden trowel, or similar small tool.

Should you require further assistance with this matter, or require my liaison with Council officers, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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APPENDIX A TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

The following relates to terms or abbreviations that may have been used in this report and provides the reader with a detailed explanation of those terms.

Age classes

- o (I) = immature and refers to a well established but juvenile tree.
- o (S) = semi-mature and refers to a tree at growth stages between immaturity and full size.

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- o (M) = mature and refers to a full sized tree with some capacity for further growth.
- (O) = over-mature and refers to a tree about to enter decline or already declining.

Condition refers to the tree's form and growth habit, as modified by its environment (aspect, suppression by other trees, soils) and the state of the scaffold (i.e. trunk and major branches), including structural defects such as cavities, crooked trunks or weak trunk/branch junctions. These are not directly connected with health and it is possible for a tree to be healthy but in poor condition.

Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) refers to the tree trunk diameter at breast height (1.4 metres above ground level)

Health refers to the tree's vigour as exhibited by the crown density, leaf colour, presence of epicormic shoots, ability to withstand disease invasion, and the degree of dieback.

SAFE USEFUL LIFE EXPECTANCY (SULE)

In a planning context, the time a tree can expect to be usefully retained is the most important long-term consideration. SULE i.e. a system designed to classify trees into a number of categories so that information regarding tree retention can be concisely communicated in a non-technical manner.

SULE categories are easily verifiable by experienced personnel without great disparity.

A tree's SULE category is the life expectancy of the tree modified first by its age, health, condition, safety and location (to give safe life expectancy), then by economics (i.e. cost of maintenance: retaining trees at an excessive management cost is not normally acceptable), effects on better trees, and sustained amenity (i.e. establishing a range of age classes in a local population).

SULE assessments are not static but may be modified as dictated by changes in tree health and environment. Trees with a short SULE may be at present be making a contribution to the landscape but their value to the local amenity will decrease rapidly towards the end of this period, prior to their being removed for safety or aesthetic reasons.

For details of SULE categories see Appendix B, adapted from Barrell 1996.

Tree Protection Zone (TPZ), generally the minimum distance from the center of the tree trunk where protective fencing or barriers are to be installed to create an exclusion zone.

APPENDIX B SULE CATEGORIES

SULE CATEGORIES (after Barrell 1996, Updated 01/04/01)

The five categories and their sub-groups are as follows:

- 1. Long SULE tree appeared retainable at the time of assessment for over 40 years with an acceptable degree of risk, assuming reasonable maintenance:
 - A. structurally sound trees located in positions that can accommodate future growth
 - B. trees which could be made suitable for long term retention by remedial care
 - C. trees of special significance which would warrant extraordinary efforts to secure their long term retention
- 2. **Medium SULE** tree appeared to be retainable at the time of assessment for 15 to 40 years with an acceptable degree of risk, assuming reasonable maintenance:
 - A. trees which may only live from 15 to 40 years
 - B. trees which may live for more than 40 years but would be removed for safety or nuisance reasons
 - C. trees which may live for more than 40 years but would be removed to prevent interference with more suitable individuals or to provide space for new planting
 - D. trees which could be made suitable for retention in the medium term by remedial care
- 3. Short SULE tree appeared to be retainable at the time of assessment for 5 to 15 years with an acceptable degree of risk, assuming reasonable maintenance:
 - A. trees which may only live from 5 to 15 years
 - B. trees which may live for more than 15 years but would be removed for safety or nuisance reasons
 - C. trees which may live for more than 15 years but would be removed to prevent interference with more suitable individuals or to provide space for new planting
 - D. trees which require substantial remediation and are only suitable for retention in the short term
- 4. Removal trees which should be removed within the next 5 years
 - A. dead, dying, suppressed or declining trees
 - B. dangerous trees through instability or recent loss of adjacent trees
 - C. dangerous trees because of structural defects including cavities, decay, included bark, wounds or poor form.
 - D. damaged trees that are clearly not safe to retain.
 - E. trees which may live for more than 5 years but would be removed to prevent interference with more suitable individuals or to provide space for new planting.
 - F. trees which are damaging or may cause damage to existing structures within the next 5 years.
 - G. trees that will become dangerous after removal of other trees for the reasons given in (a) to (f).
 - H. trees in categories (a) to (g) that have a high wildlife habitat value and, with appropriate treatment, could be retained subject to regular review.
- 5. Small, young or regularly pruned Trees that can be reliably moved or replaced.
 - A. small trees less than 5m in height.
 - B. young trees less than 15 years old but over 5m in height.
 - C. formal hedges and trees intended for regular pruning to artificially control growth.