

Warringah Council

# **Development Application Tree Removal and Tree Pruning**

Made under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (Sections 78A) for works associated with a Complying Development Certificate Application

# Address the application to: The General Manager Warringah Council Civic Centre, 725 Pittwater Rd Dee Why NSW 2099

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Part 1 Summary Ap	plicant(s) Details						
Applicant(s) name	Belbore Projet Management Ptylod						
Owner(s) name Hon Yam Kan, Lan Ying Au, Ciselle Schinage							
If any owner/applicant of thi Warringah Council.	is development application is a current employee or elected representative of						
Warringah Council employee	e Yes No S Elected representative Yes No S						
Part 2 Application [	Details						
2.1 Location of the property	Unit no. A+B House no. 5 Street Bruzzano Pla	ه دو					
We need this to correctly identify the land. These details are shown	Suburb Cromer						
on your rates notice, property title etc.	Legal property Lot: 1+2 Sect: 9/SP: 4-7275 description This information must be supplied.	1 of 7					

# **Part 2 Application Details**

# 2.2 Exemptions

Council consent is not required if the tree is less than 5 metres in height and with a foliage crown spread of less than 10 metres, the tree is dead, has been declared a noxious weed, is referred to as exempt in clause 8 of the Order, or is to be pruned by less than 10% of foliage within a 12 month period (refer to Tree Preservation Order for further clarification).

### **Application fee**

\$110

The owner of the land on which the tree(s) are located must sign the consent on the application.

Any consent issued as a result of this application is not a directive or order and does not oblige the owner to undertake the consented works. The consent is valid for **five years** from the date on the determination.

2.3 Description of works

Please provide details of the work to be carried out in the box below.

Tree no.	Tree species (if known)	Work required (prune/remove/assess)	Reason for the work		
1	Broad Leaf Paperback	remove	Damage to property		
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Please indicate in the box on the right:  Sketch the outline of the allotment, street, position of structures eg. house, garage and the location of each tree as numbered in 2.3  Please tie a yellow ribbon around the tree trunk.  Are there any dogs on the property?  Yes No Are there any locked gated blocking access?  Yes No Shome, gate	Laneway (empaved)	JS BY	Driveway /Row	(9A0B)		
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Please tick appropriate boxes.	Fisheries M	anagement Act 1994	s144	s201	s205	s219
Yes No No	Heritage A		□ s58			
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	Roads Act		□s138			
	Rural Fires		□ s100B			
	Water Man	nagement Act 2000	∐s89	∟ s90	s91	

Part 2 Application Details					
2.6 Disclosure of political donations and gifts  Note: gift means a gift within the meaning of section 84 of the Election Funding & Disclosures Act 1981. Failure to disclosure relevant information is considered an offence under Part 6 section 96H of the Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981	Under section 147 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment A reportable political donation to an elected representative of Warring (Mayor or Councillor) and/or any gift to an elected representative or employee within a two (2) year period commencing two (2) years be this application and ending when the application is determined must his application who made a reportable donation or gave a gift in the last two (2) years.  If yes, complete the Political Donation Declaration and lodge it with no, in signing this application I undertake to advise the Council in who aware of any person with a financial interest in this application who political donation or has given a gift in the period from the date of leapplication and the date of its determination.  For further information visit Councils website at: www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/plan_dev/PoliticalDonationsBill.aspx	ah Counci Warringah fore the d t be disclo No this applic riting if I b has made	Council ate of sed.  ation. If ecome		
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Aborist's Report (in a	ccordance with Council's Guidelines).				
Sewer diagram, Plum	bers report.				
Structural Engineers	report.				
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Is this application require	ed as part of an Exempt or Complying Development?		$\bowtie$		
If <b>Yes</b> - have you attache	d <u>all relevant plans?</u>				
A Site Plan showing exist					
Warringah Development Appendix 12 - Tree Prote	Control Plan, Part H, Appendix 11 - Class 2-9 Building and ction Plan may apply.				
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# ARBORICULTURAL IMPACT REPORT

# 15A BRUZZANO PLACE CROMER

# PREPARED FOR STEVE SCHINAGEL

17 DECEMBER 2012





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#### 1. BACKGROUND

Landscape Matrix Pty Ltd has been engaged by Steve Schinagel to prepare an Arboricultural report in respect to a tree at 15A Bruzzano Place Cromer (the site). The tree is proposed to be removed due to damage arising from its root system.

The tree is located in the rear garden area of the site and immediately adjacent to the common boundary with the adjoining property to the north (15B Bruzzano Place). The location and context of the site is illustrated in the photograph on the cover page of this report.

This report has been prepared by Guy Paroissien a Director of Landscape Matrix Pty Ltd.

The site was inspected on 11 December 2012. The assessment of the tree is based upon a visual inspection of the tree from ground level using elements of the Visual Tree Assessment (VTA) method described by Mattheck & Breloer (1994). The Safe Useful life Expectancy (SULE) category identified in the report follows Barrell (1996).

The visual inspection included examination of the tree's dimensions, foliage density and foliage health, form, structure, structural condition, overall health and vigour and landscape significance. The inspection was limited to visual inspection of the tree without dissection, probing or coring. No aerial inspection of the tree was carried out and the assessment did not include any woody tissue testing or subterranean root investigation.

The tree height and canopy spread were estimated and are expressed in metres and the tree diameter at breast height (DBH) was estimated from within the site at approximately 1.4 metres above ground level and is expressed in millimetres.

Measurements from the tree referred to in this report are to be taken as if measured from the centre of the tree's trunk.

### 2. TREE ASSESSED FOR THIS REPORT

One Broad Leaved Paperbark tree has been assessed in preparing this report. The tree is located in the rear garden area of the site and immediately adjacent to the common boundary with the adjoining property to the north.

#### 2.1 Observations regarding the tree

The tree is a mature, single trunked specimen of *Melaleuca quinquenervia* (Broad Leaved Paperbark) approximately 16 metres high with a canopy spread of 12 metres and trunk diameter at breast height (DBH) of 1075mm (averaged from 1000 x 1150mm). The trunk diameter at ground level is 1250mm (averaged from 1100 x 1400mm).

The tree has a distinct trunk lean to the north and the majority of its past canopy development has been to the north. Pruning stubs exhibited by the tree indicate selected

lower branches have been removed in the past up to 2 metres above ground level. This pruning includes the removal of large diameter branches/leaders.

At the time of inspection the tree was of good health and vigour with no visual evidence of significant pest or disease and less than 5% dead wood in the canopy.

While the tree appears stable with no evidence of root plate movement, soil cracking/heaving etc. its distinct trunk lean and canopy bias to the north render the tree at increased risk of failure in the future. In addition, the tree exhibits fair to poor branch attachment with multiple codominant leaders from 2 metres with evidence of poor attachment at the junction - the junction is a weak point in the tree with increased risk of failure.

Future branch failure is considered predictable given the evidence of poor attachment at the junction of multiple leaders at 2 metres. Future branch failure has the potential to cause property damage as there is high occupancy targets located well within the failure zone. For example, the wall of the dwelling at 15A Bruzzano Place is located 3.4 metres from the tree and the upstairs veranda is immediately adjacent to the trunk of the tree. The tree's canopy also overhangs the rear section of the paved area and dwelling on the adjoining property to the north (15B Bruzzano Place).

During the site inspection it was also noted that roots from the tree have caused considerable damage to the paved area at the rear of the 15B Bruzzano Place.

The tree is of moderate to highly visible in the immediate locality and is considered to be of moderate to high landscape value.

Taking into account the tree's age, health and vigour and context it is concluded the tree has a short Safe Use and Life Expectancy (SULE), i.e. 5 to 15 years.

#### 2.2 Observations regarding the site conditions in the vicinity of the tree

The tree is located in the rear garden area of the site and immediately adjacent to the common boundary with the adjoining property to the north.

The existing dwellings at 15A and 15B Bruzzano Close and associated paved areas are well within the tree's identified structural root zone (SRZ) and tree protection zone (TPZ).

There is also combination of garden and lawn areas in the site and adjoining property within the tree's identified tree protection zone (TPZ). The timber fence at the common boundary of the 2 properties is immediately adjacent to the tree and is being pushed out of alignment by the tree's lower trunk.

Observations regarding the tree and site conditions are illustrated in photographs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Appendix A.

#### 3. POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON THE TREE

The tree is proposed to be removed and replaced with a smaller locally native tree due to the combination of the following factors:

- The future failure potential of poorly attached leaders;
- The proximity of high occupancy targets within the failure zone (2 x dwellings);
- The past damage to paved areas immediately adjacent to the dwelling at 15B Bruzzano Close:
- The proximity of the tree to the dwellings at 15A and 15B Bruzzano Close and potential for damage; and
- Damage to the common boundary fence.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

The tree assessed for this report is a mature, single trunked specimen of *Melaleuca quinquenervia* (Broad Leaved Paperbark) approximately 16 metres high with a canopy spread of 12 metres and trunk diameter at breast height (DBH) of 1075mm

At the time of inspection the tree was of good health and vigour with no visual evidence of significant pest or disease.

While the tree appears stable its distinct trunk lean and canopy bias to the north render the tree at increased risk of failure in the future. In addition, the tree exhibits fair to poor branch attachment with multiple codominant leaders from 2 metres with evidence of poor attachment at the junction - the junction is a weak point in the tree with increased risk of failure.

Future branch failure is considered predictable given the evidence of poor attachment at the junction of multiple leaders at 2 metres with potential to cause property damage as there is high occupancy targets located well within the failure zone. In addition, roots from the tree have caused considerable damage to the paved area at the rear of the 15B Bruzzano Place.

The tree is of moderate to highly visible in the immediate locality and is considered to be of moderate to high landscape value. However, taking into account the tree's age, health and vigour and context it is concluded the tree has a short Safe Use and Life Expectancy (SULE), i.e. 5 to 15 years.

The tree is proposed to be removed and replaced with a smaller locally native tree due to the combination of factors including the future failure potential of poorly attached leaders, the proximity of high occupancy targets within the failure zone, past damage to paved areas and the proximity of the tree to the dwellings at 15A and 15B Bruzzano Close and potential for damage.

Given the combination of factors it is concluded that removal and replacement of the tree is a justified course of action and its removal and replacement is supported.

Replacement planting should take into account the constraints of the site including limited planting area and proximity to the dwelling and associated structures. It is recommended a smaller species, such as *Banksia integrifolia* (Coast Banksia) be considered.

Guy Paroissien, MAIH, MIACA, MISAAC

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17 December 2012

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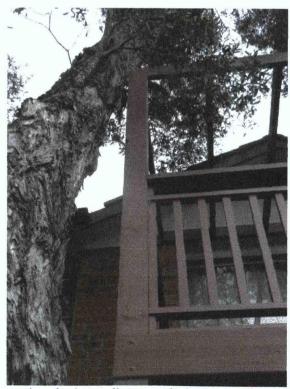
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# APPENDIX A



Photograph 1: Illustrating the location of the tree in the rear paved courtyard and proximity to the dwelling.



Photograph 2: Illustrating the immediate proximity to the upstairs veranda structure.



Photograph 3: Illustrating the multiple leaders form 2 metres with evidence of poor attachment at the junction..



Photograph 4: Illustrating the past pruning and proximity to the fence.



Photograph 5: Illustrating the significant root growth in the paved area of the adjoining property, 15B Bruzzano Close.



Photograph 6: Illustrating a recently repaired section of paving in the rear of 15B Bruzzano Close at the rear wall of the dwelling and in close proximity to the tree.