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RE: DA2025/0861 - 51 Quirk Street DEE WHY NSW 2099

For three-and-a half decades, my wife and I have owned the property at 55 Quirk Street, DEE WHY, which is alongside (East) and shares a common boundary fence, with the proposed development at 51 Quirk Street, DEE WHY.

Objection 1 to the proposed development is that the proposed removal of an iconic Norfolk Pine tree which would not be in keeping with the Northern Beaches Council policy, i.e., "Council will not permit removing healthy stable trees, or trees for views".

This Norfolk Pine was first planted in 1946. The tree is in superb condition and is both healthy and stable. Its magnificence is that it retains its classic conical shape with the longest branches being low, outstretched and bowing upwards. The branches of the network are closely spaced, intact and undamaged with the branch network configuration unrivalled when compared with other Norfolk Pines in the area. This tree is most aesthetically pleasing and is a landmark in the district. Significantly, this tree provides habitat for native birds, specifically a family of magpies, generations of which have lived in this tree. The magpies with their beautiful warbling sound, the caring way they nurture their young and interact with each (social behaviour) reaffirms the beauty of nature and the generational connection between that tree and those magpies. As I write, the adult pair of magpies are collecting material and building the nest in the tree in preparation for the next generation. My plea to Council's Development Assessment Team is to preserve this tree and not permit its removal.

Objection 2 to the proposed development is that the design process indicated that the new dwelling would step down the site in response to the topography. This is not the case in respect to the southernmost section as it is planned to step up to a height of 8.2 m that approaches the Building Height Control of 8.5 m. The height of this southernmost section would block our views West, and we would no longer enjoy (i.e., be denied) seeing the lights of the city of Sydney, North Sydney and Artarmon. This concern could be addressed by consideration being given to a design modification where the southernmost section is one storey, rather than the proposed two storeys.

A minor point is that the residential proposal describes a detached garage of timber framed aluminium clad weather boards which should be amended to reflect the cladding is fibrous cement sheeting.

Thank you for consideration of this submission.