# **CONCEPT PLAN**

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY BROADWAY PRECINCT

LANDSCAPE REPORT



# INTRODUCTION

This Landscape Report is submitted to the Minister for Planning pursuant to Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.* This is to fulfil the Environmental Assessment Requirements issued by the Director-General for the preparation of an Environmental Assessment of a Concept Plan for the Broadway Precinct of the City Campus of the University of Technology, Sydney.

## **PROPOSALS**

- The campus landscape concept responds to its urban context and gateway location with high quality site landscaping and public domain.
- The Alumni Green provides the campus with a green heart for amenity, casual recreation and biodiversity. It is comprised of three distinct functional and character spaces:

'The Common' between Building 2 and the Thomas Street building consists of lawn areas with deciduous shade trees defined by paved access ways edged with seat walls.

'The Square' is a formal paved space with deciduous shade trees, furnishings and sculptures connecting Building 1 with Thomas Street.

'The Forest' is a pocket of urban rainforest adjoining Building 4. It is constructed with walls and pavements through mounded areas planted with local rainforest species.

- The Public Domain is comprised of several streetscapes that define the site. The pavements, street trees and furnishings will be designed to coordinate with Council streetscape guidelines. The site's Broadway streetscape forms part of a significant city gateway and will also complement the Frasers Broadway development.
- Sustainable design principles will be implemented in the landscape design development process, including water wise plant selection and water management.
- Plant selection will also consider the technical requirements of plants in adapting to podium areas and other micro climatic features of the campus site.
- Softscape character will respond to the urban context and functions of the outdoor spaces and include a diversity of species including native and cultural plantings.
- Final species selection will be determined during the detail design phase. Indicative species are illustrated in the concept plans and described as follows.

#### **Blueberry Ash**

Botanical name: Elaeocarpus grandis Australian native. Fast growing rainforest tree with racemes of white bell shaped flowers in summer followed by large blue fruit. Spent leaves have many shades of orange. Height: 10m Width: 3m

#### Cabbage Palm

Botanical name: Livistona australis Australian native. A palm with large fan shaped leaves. Dense sprays of cream flowers in spring followed by inconspicuous black fruit. Tolerates shady and moist conditions. Height: 20-30m

#### Lilly Pilly

Botanical name: Acmena smithii Australian native. Tall upright rainforest tree. Bunches of white flowers followed by purple berries. Colourful flushes of new growth most of the year.

Height: 30m Width: 8m

## **Pittosporum**

Botanical name: Pittosporum revolutum Australian native. Large rounded shrub with bright green leaves with a felty underside. Fragrant yellow flowers in spring. Sticky red seed in a woody capsule. Bird attractor. Height: 3m Width: 2m

# **Red Cedar**

Botanical name: Toona ciliate (prev. australis)

Australian native. Fast growing tree which is deciduous in spring. Sprays of white fragrant flowers followed by brown seed capsules. New leaves are a rusty colour.

Height: 10m Width: 3m

#### Tuckeroo

Botanical name: Cupaniopsis anacardioides

Australian native. Coastal rainforest tree. Shade tree with greenish/white scented flowers followed by showy bright orange fruit. Dark green leathery leaves.

Height: 10m Width: 3m

#### Brushbox

Botanical name: Lophostemon confertus

Australian native. Tall evergreen bushy shade tree. Feathery white flowers in summer. Originates from rainforest and coastal areas.

Commonly used as street trees.

Height: 30m Width: 8m

# Jacaranda

Botanical name: Jacaranda mimosaefolia

Exotic (Brazil) Deciduous to semi-evergreen medium size tree. Foliage is fine and fern like. Tubular or trumpet shaped, lavender blue flowers in spring. Fruit is flat, disc-like which contains numerous papery winged seeds. In arid regions the tree blooms very profusely. It is a drought

resistant tree. Height: 10m Width: 12m

# Maidenhair Tree

Botanical name: Gingko biloba Exotic (China) A long-lived, narrow upright deciduous tree. The light green leaves are fan shaped and two-lobed, turning clear yellow in autumn. Resistant to pests. Pollution tolerant. Tolerates most soil types. Casts light shade.

Height: 11m Width: 5m

# Plane Tree

Botanical name: Platanus x acerifolia Exotic (hybrid) A large, rounded canopy, deciduous tree commonly planted in Australian streets and public landscapes. Leaves matt, mid to dark green

turning yellow to brown in autumn. Bark olivegreen to cream, flaky, striking in the winter. Height 36m Width 10m

#### Tree Fern

Botanical name: Cyathea australis Australian native. Tree Fern from coastal and rainforest gullies. Scales at the bottom of leaf stalks are shiny, red-brown and often twisted. Tolerates shady and moist conditions. Height: 2.5-6m Trunk Width: 16-40cm

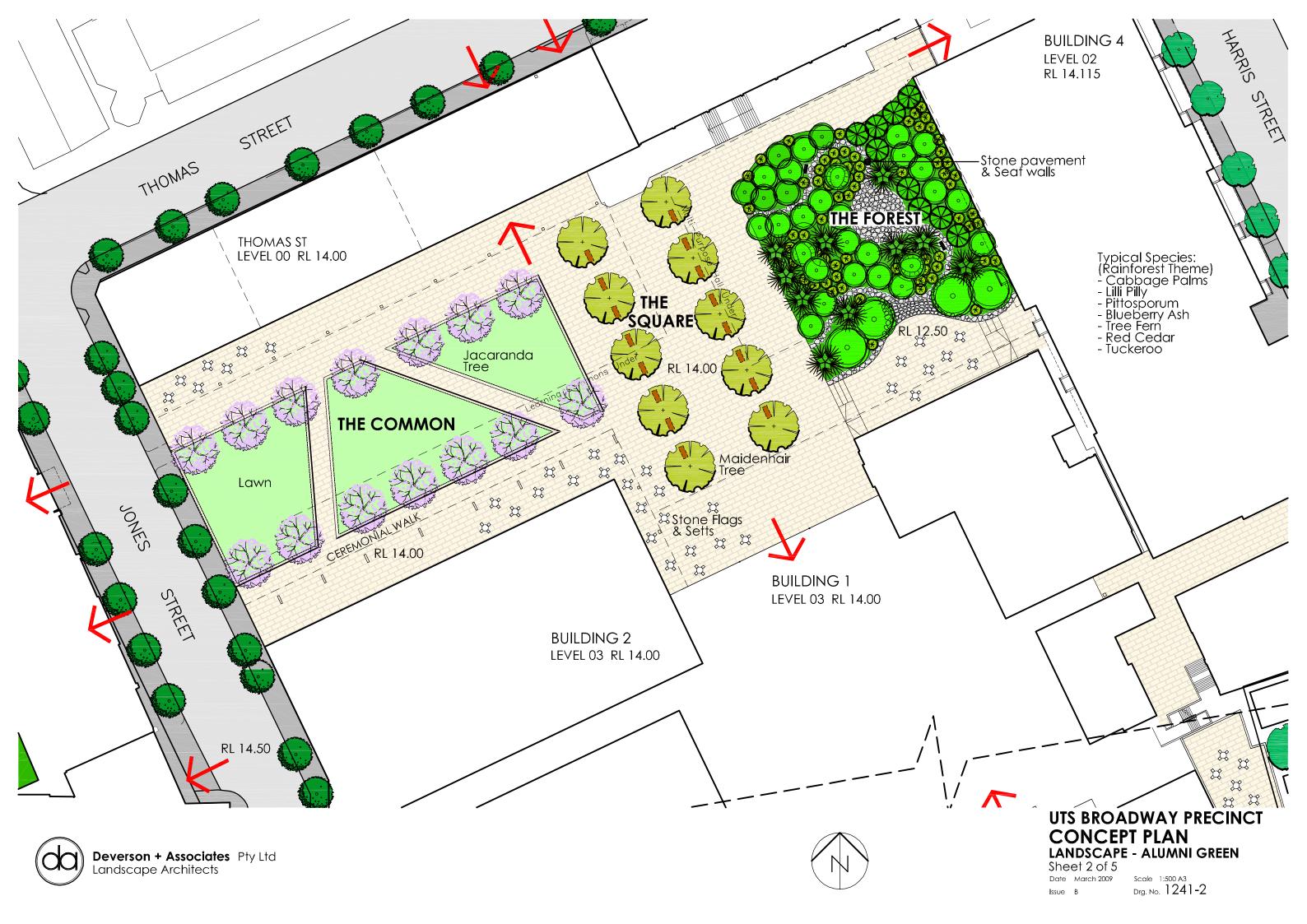
#### Yunnan Poplar

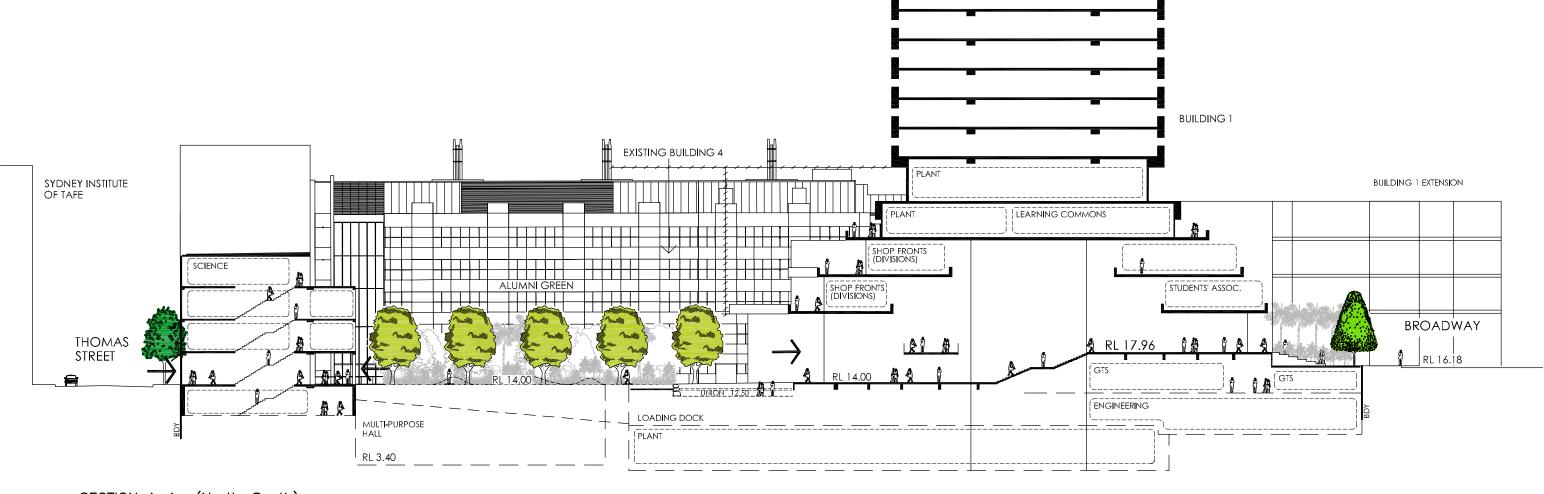
Botanical name: Populus alba "pyramidalis"

Exotic (China) Attractive, fast-growing conical upright deciduous tree. Greyish white bark. Leaves turn gold in autumn. Undersides are covered with white downy hairs. Drought, salt and pollution tolerant.

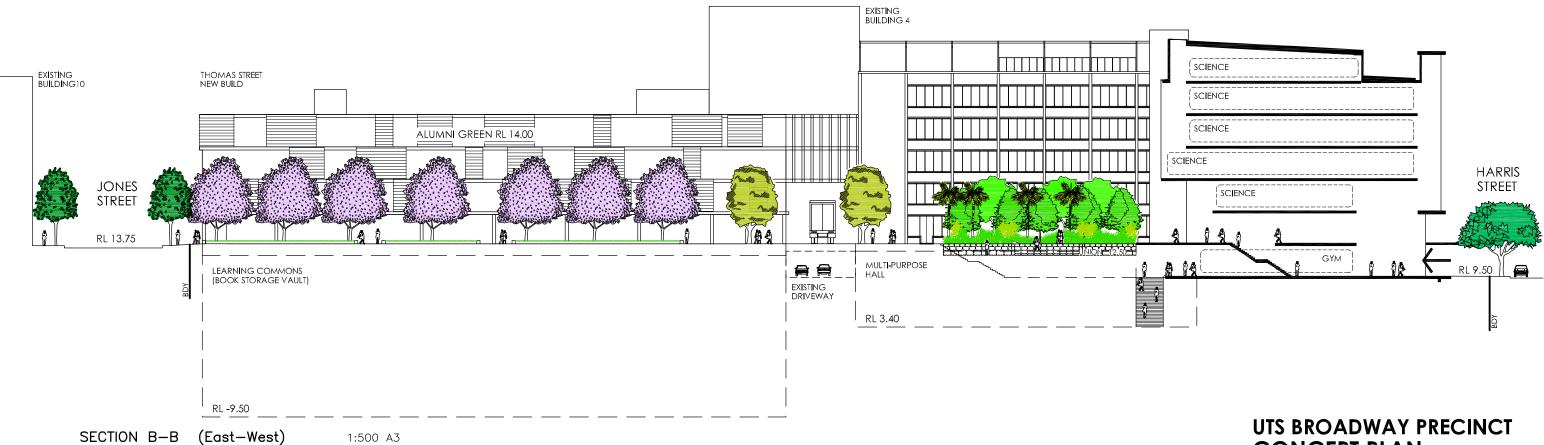
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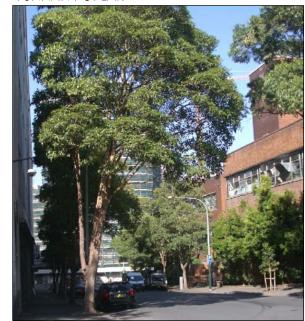
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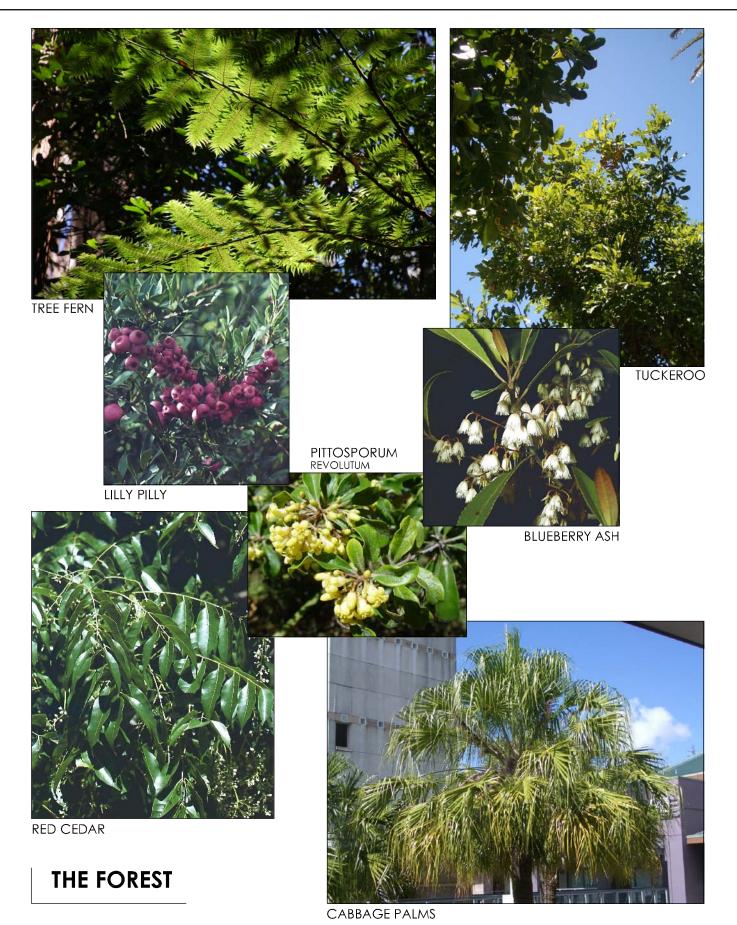


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BRUSHBOX









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