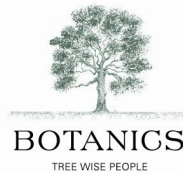


# Arborist Assessment West Ryde Redevelopment



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# **1. Background**

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## **1.1 Introduction**

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1.1.1 This assessment was commissioned MPA (Major Projects Direct) on behalf of Housing New South Wales to assess the health and condition of those trees documented within the 7 residential blocks between 63 and 77 West Parade, North Ryde and to make recommendations as to their significance within the context of a proposed development.

1.1.2 The proposed development will involve the demolition of the remaining houses to allow for the construction of the proposed 4 residential tower blocks as documented. This is a significant project affecting a large number of people and will require the removal of those trees located within the construction impact zone (CIZ).

1.1.3 The existing houses within the site are all in a poor condition and only 1 is currently occupied. There are 2 blocks that have been cleared and are now home to a range of different vegetation.

1.1.4 There were 29 trees documented within and adjacent to the site. Of these there are a number of well established and significant trees, although the majority are less significant, more recent plantings that have not established well, or are poorly formed trees with structural faults. There were only 3 trees located outside the CIZ that has been recommended for preservation.

## **1.3 The Subject Trees**

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1.3.1 The general findings and data collected for each of the subject trees is contained in the following Tree Schedule.

1.3.2 As noted, there are 29 trees documented for this report. The remainder of the vegetation on site is not considered of sufficient size or significance to warrant documentation.

1.3.3 Of these only 2 are considered to be of high arboricultural significance. These are Trees 12 and 15 of which only Tree 15 can be preserved. Tree 12 is located centrally within the construction impact zone and due to its large, mature age, decay at its base and the problems associated with adjacent construction it has been recommended for removal.

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