



The General Manager
Hornsby Council

DA/978/2021/PUBLICACCESS DA/978/2021 - 30 Fiona Road, BEECROFT NSW 2119 - TORRENS TITLE SUBDIVISION - ONE LOT INTO TWO - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING

Dear Sir,

The Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust objects to the proposed subdivision on the following grounds.

- The size of the subject land provides a degree of flexibility to retain as many of the significant trees as possible. Protection of these trees would be consistent with Council's recently endorsed planning strategies. The subdivision also has the potential to be redesigned to allow the protection of many of the trees proposed to be removed, namely trees in the arborist's report numbered 10, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24.
- The indicative position of the proposed building envelope on the rear lot 11 appears to give a low priority to the retention of some of the more significant trees. The indicative building envelope should be amended to save these trees.
- There appears to be scope for the access way to be amended or even repositioned to preserve some of the more significant trees.
- Any drainage and driveway designs should consider boring for piping and suspension for paving. Also curving driveways around trees should be considered instead of removing the tree.
- A heritage report is requested. This property belonged to the late John Noble, engineer and a founding member of the Civic Trust, a pioneer bush regenerator and instrumental in preserving Observatory Park at the intersection of Beecroft and Pennant Hills Roads. John was also recognised by the Australian Museum for his collection of spiders, many of which were new species discovered by John on the subject property. The dwelling should be fully documented prior to any demolition approval.

Yours Sincerely,
Ross Walker OAM

Vice President
Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust
21 October 2021