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Hi team,  
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#### Request for information

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Context for the FOI request Development Application: 202138825  
Address: MELBA STREET AND BRADFIELD STREET Block: 13 Section: 61  
Proposal: PROPOSAL FOR MULTI UNIT DEVELOPMENT - proposal is for lease variation and design and siting works, comprising construction of

four buildings of total four storeys in height. One level of basement car parking, construction of driveway crossing, removal and replacement of trees and associated landscaping and site servicing works. Subdivision of the block into two blocks, variation of the Crown lease to reduce the maximum number of dwellings permitted to 130 and increase the maximum gross floor area permitted to 17,736sqm and associated works. The Goodwin DA contemplates the removal of the heritage listed pine trees, and a replanting program with Canary Island pines at the conclusion of the development. This was the methodology adopted for the Stage 1 and 2 CHC developments. The Biosis SHE report contents on page 11, "The Monterey Pines removal and replacement plan for Block 21 Section 61 Downer follows the successful management strategy established on the neighbouring CHC site where the row of Monterey Pines along Bradfield street have undergone a similar removal and replacement process." This has been wholly unsuccessful. To suggest

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this methodology is successful is an exaggeration and a misleading statement. More than four years since the pines were removed, and more than two years since the stage 1 and 2 CHC developments were completed, no replacement "heritage" trees have been replanted. The residents of CHC have expressed their dissatisfaction to the planning authorities and also [REDACTED] understands that the Heritage Council has yet to release its decision on the Statement of Heritage Effects (SHE) and provide approval to Goodwin removing the heritage pine trees. In this regard, the Goodwin DA still lacks entity approval. Related to this is the assertion in the Goodwin DA that it will replant more trees than is currently on the site – having done its own assessment that the site only currently has 37 per cent tree coverage, it is proposing to replant 40 per cent coverage. This fails to take into account: • the replanted trees will not be deep rooted trees • once a large tree is removed, it takes up to 15 years before equivalent foliage coverage is restored • being the previous school oval, this is a greenfield site – construction on the site removes greenspace from the community and replaces it with buildings, notwithstanding how many shrubs are replanted • that lost greenspace will never be restored. Removal of deep-rooted trees only exacerbates the loss. Given the above context of Development Application: 202138825, this FOI request seeks: • any advice of the Conservator of Flora and Fauna • any advice from the Heritage Council • any other formal comment relating to this DA not otherwise disclosed in the DA itself.

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Thank you.  
Freedom of Information Coordinator