

**Supplementary
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No 154a**

**INQUIRY INTO PLANNING PROCESS IN NEWCASTLE
AND THE BROADER HUNTER REGION**

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The Responsible Minister
NSW State Parliament

RE: TREES AT 62 DAWSON STREET COOKS HILL

Dear Sir/Madam,

Cooks Hill is one of the few suburbs in Newcastle where there is a heritage plan. However, our previous Mayor who has recently been exposed as corrupt seemed to have supported ignoring this leading to DA approval to replace some existing dwellings. Most recently approval was given to replace the dwellings at 62 Dawson St Cooks Hill NSW 2300. There does not seem to be any obvious reason to do this but even more damaging is the prospect that two council trees on the footpath are to be removed. These trees are beautiful paperbarks that are in perfect health despite being many years old. We would be grateful for your intervention to prevent needless destruction of these trees, which contribute strongly to the ambience that is a part of Cooks Hill.

Many thanks
Dirk van Helden