

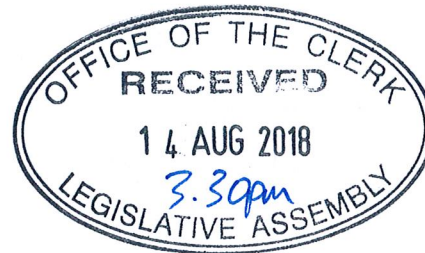


**Anthony Roberts MP**

Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, Special Minister of State

Your ref: MIN 21866

Ms Helen Minnican  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly  
Parliament of NSW  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000



Dear Ms Minnican

I write in response to a petition lodged by Mr Michael Daley MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Member for Maroubra, about modifications to the Delhi Road pedestrian bridge.

I acknowledge the petitioners' concerns about the interaction between the Bundara Reserve, North Ryde and the proposed modifications to the bridge.

Lachlan's Line bridge will provide safe and convenient access for pedestrians and cyclists across Delhi Road as they travel to and from Landcom's Lachlan's Line development and the North Ryde Railway Station.

The original Lachlan's Line State Significant Development approved the removal of 14 trees next to Bundara Reserve in the Roads & Maritime Services road reserve to enable the construction and maintenance of the bridge.

In early 2018 and following advice from consultants undertaking detailed design for the bridge, Landcom sought a modification to the planning approval to enable construction and maintenance of the bridge and ensure community safety. This modification included removal of eight newly identified impacted trees in Ryde Council's Bundara Reserve.

In June 2018, after considering feedback from the community and stakeholders, Landcom lodged a revised plan to the Department of Planning and Environment. Impact is now limited to only three trees in Council's Bundara Reserve.

The three low significance trees to be removed in Bundara Reserve are:

- 10m tall Mahogany (dead);
- 4m Casuarina (poor health); and
- 3m white bottlebrush.

The City of Ryde has provided a letter of support for the revised proposal.

Landcom will offset tree removal in accordance with guidelines from the Office of Environment & Heritage.

Landcom will also implement a Vegetation Management Plan with input from experts from the City of Ryde's Environment Team and the Royal Botanic Gardens on suitable replantings.

Landcom has already planted more than 300 mature street trees, about 2,000 shrubs and rehabilitated more than 4,300m<sup>2</sup> of significantly degraded and contaminated Porter's Creek catchment, in an area adjacent to and associated with the bridge site that was previously contaminated industrial land.

Should you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Nick Daly, Communications & Engagement Officer at Landcom on (02) 9841 8674.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'AR', written in a cursive style.

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