



Thursday, 6 April 2023

Your Reference:

Our Reference: 7443700

Ms K Giddens MLA
Member for Bateman
PO Box 7151
APPLECROSS WA 6953

Dear Ms Giddens

Protecting Applecross' Iconic Trees

Thank you for your recent letter of 17 March 2023. Trees are one of the community's most important assets providing many community benefits.

The City of Melville has been working hard to increase the tree canopy on City owned land and would not support of the loss of our much-loved Applecross street trees, in line with our Urban Forest Strategy.

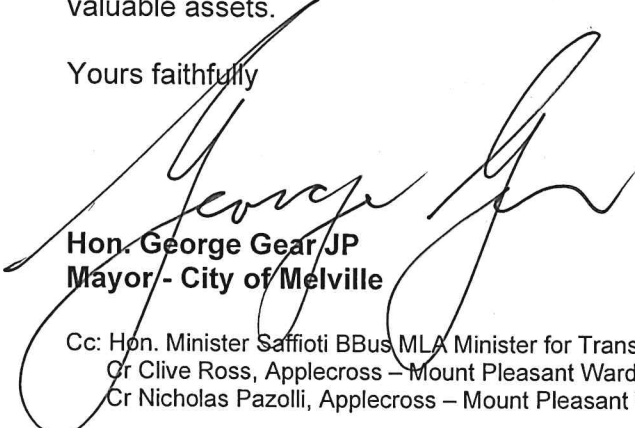
The potential impact on street trees on Forbes Road, Sleet Road and Kintail Road is due to establishment of a planning control area by State Government, which provides scope for a future road widening and upgrading along Canning Highway and in the area.

In line with this planning control, the City's current Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan (CBACP) is also required to provide for the planning control area.

Should the State Government progress to a formal road widening requirement, it is our understanding that the City of Melville and wider community would be given an opportunity to provide feedback.

In the meantime, the City of Melville will investigate additional measures to strengthen and protects our trees including possible State Heritage listing and welcomes the opportunity to work with you and the State Government to ensure we can protect these valuable assets.

Yours faithfully



Hon. George Gear JP
Mayor - City of Melville

Cc: Hon. Minister Saffioti BBus MLA Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports
Cr Clive Ross, Applecross – Mount Pleasant Ward
Cr Nicholas Pazolli, Applecross – Mount Pleasant Ward