

WAVERLEY WARD
SOUTH BONDI / TAMARAMA PRECINCT

Waverley Council Response Report to requests from the May 2022 South Bondi / Tamarama Precinct meeting

Meeting Date	Motion	Council Officer Response	Directorate	Status
24 May 2023	Precinct members request Council to prune the existing bushes and trees at the top of Marks Park near the playground at the stairs near Fletcher Street to a height around 3 meters to restore the view from the public domain in the first instance and to consider for the future to plant more appropriate plants for the environment.	<p>Request lodged under ID #is 2322955.</p> <p>Council's Tree Officer has investigated the request for tree pruning for views at this location and advise that while many residential suburbs of Waverley enjoy beautiful views of the ocean, Sydney Harbour and the City, obscuring these views by trees on public or private land can be an issue of some controversy in Waverley. Trees can often improve and frame views and are usually an aesthetic element in the view itself. Council will not prune a tree to create a view and may take into consideration possible works if it is proven there to be a history of the identified trees being pruned to restore the pre-existing view in the past.</p> <p>Trees perform many functions. Culturally, they contribute to the character of an area and add a sense of place. They instil a sense of community pride in residents and can even calm and inspire. Environmentally, they provide natural air conditioning, shade, habitat for native wildlife, soil restoration and shelter against noise and wind. Aesthetically, they add natural beauty, and provide a necessary softening of the built environment.</p> <p>Waverley Council recognises the importance of trees and their role as a key contributor to a high quality urban environment. We are committed to maintaining the trees we have; improving their maintenance and protecting and increasing the level of canopy cover.</p> <p>The topping or removal of upper canopies of most species of trees is not considered to be sound aborcultural practice and often exposes the tree to other issues in the future.</p> <p>At this stage, topping of the well established trees towards the east fringes of Marks Park is not supported.</p> <p>Council will continue it's policy that no individual exclusively owns a view, but rather that the amenity provided by the trees out weighs the amenity of views as such pruning of the top of this tree is not being considered - in accordance with our Tree Management Policy.</p>	Community, Assets and Operations	Complete
24 May 2023	We, the Bondi Tamarama Precinct support the rezoning of the lot known as 5	Request submitted to the DA team by Michelle Brenner.	Planning, Sustainability &	Complete

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	Tamarama St which is presently known as R3 to be rezoned to R2. We wish to keep the look and feel of Tamarama St to be kept within its existing unique neighbourhood of single dwelling homes.		Compliance / Precinct	

Next meeting: 23 August 2023