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The General Manager,
Woollahra Municipal Council,
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Dear Sir,

DA 617/2017/2 28-34 Cross Street, Double Bay

We have inspected the drawings and documents currently on display in support of the Applicant's application under s 4.55 to modify the existing development consent granted by the Land & Environment Court.

On behalf of the 300 plus resident members of our Association we oppose the application to remove the two Chinese elms in the street in front of the property (with the promise to replace them with replants on the completion of the works).

We further oppose the application to prune the magnificent Weeping Fig that is on the northern side of Cross Street opposite and is directly outside 45, Cross Street (the Gallery Apartments) where a number of our members reside.

The two Chinese elms are not large and only occupy a small fraction of the site's frontage to Cross Street leaving ample access for construction vehicles to the site. We also do not accept the Applicant's other argument that Knox Lane is too narrow to allow for construction vehicles to access the site. Given the years that the same developer has taken (and is still taking) to complete the development on the adjoining 20 – 26 Cross Street, it is unreasonable for the public and nearby residents to lose the beauty, amenity and shade that these trees provide for so long.

We have inspected the location of the limbs of the Weeping Fig that the Applicant wishes to remove and it is nonsense to suggest that on the far side of the street they in any way impede truck access to the site. This ficus is a magnificent specimen which adds so much to the ambience of this location. Its future health and indeed survival should not be put at risk in this way.

Yours faithfully,

DOUBLE BAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC
Per Malcolm Young, President

