



**Deputy Premier
Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism**

Our Ref : 72-42730/4

MINISTER FOR PLANNING

REQUEST TO AMEND PLANNING CONTROL AREA (PCA) 153

Please find enclosed a letter to the Member for Bateman, Kim Giddens MLA addressing concerns regarding protecting existing verge vegetation in Applecross.

As outlined in my letter to the Member, there is no Public Transport Authority or Main Roads requirement for works, including tree removal on Forbes Road, Sleat Road and Kintail Road, for current operations or as part of the Canning Bus Bridge Interchange Project.

As such, I am asking that the process to amend PCA 153 to remove Forbes Road, Sleat Road and Kintail Road commences. Any future development in this area and the associated trees will then be the sole responsibility of the City of Melville.

As this matter falls under your responsibility it is forwarded for your consideration.

**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
DEPUTY PREMIER
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

Enc. 20 JUN 2024

cc

Kim Giddens MLA
Member for Bateman



Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports

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Ms K Giddens MLA
Member for Bateman
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Dear Ms Giddens,

REQUEST TO PROTECT VERGE TREES

Thank you for your letter regarding the protection of verge trees in Applecross.

I appreciate that the trees on Sleat, Forbes and Kintail Roads are a valued part of the Applecross community.

In 2020, a Planning Control Area (PCA) was applied to a number of roads in this area to ensure adequate protections where road widening may be required in future.

Following our initial discussions, I committed to working closely with you to explore options for retaining these trees.

I can confirm that the State Government supports the views of the community with respect to protecting the trees along Sleat, Forbes and Kintail Roads.

While these are local roads that are managed by the City of Melville, I have asked my agencies to review the need for widening these roads in future and will keep you informed of the outcome.

Thank you for your advocacy on this issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Rita Saffioti', written over a light blue circular stamp.

HON RITA SAFFIOTI-MLA
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

18 APR 2023



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Dear Minister

Verge Tree Protection - Forbes, Sleat and Kintail Roads.

It has come to my attention that the verge trees on Forbes Road, Sleat Road and Kintail Road in Applecross may be at risk. These local roads have been identified for potential future road widening.

I strongly support improved transport infrastructure, however, planned road widening in this area would result in the removal of magnificent mature verge trees. Having recently doorknocked and phoned more than 1,000 residents in Applecross and Mount Pleasant, I received overwhelming feedback that the trees are a highly valued part of Applecross' amenity and lifestyle. The areas mature urban tree canopy results in cooler surface temperatures, supports local wildlife and habitat, and provides positive psychological and physical health benefits.

It is with respect to the local community's feedback and strong support for these trees that I request your consideration for protecting the verge trees along Forbes, Sleat and Kintail Roads from any future road widening.

Regards

Kim Giddens MLA
Member for Bateman

