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Chief Executive Officer

City of Kalamunda
2 Railway Road
Kalamunda WA 6076

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Development Application – Tree Removal Request (Lot 823 (16 Brenda Road), Maida Vale WA 6057)

We submit this application as the owners of Lot 823, 16 Brenda Road, Maida Vale, seeking approval for the removal of the protected tree located within the Tree Protection Zone on the property.

This application relates solely to the removal of the tree and is submitted independently to allow consideration of this matter on its own merits.

Arborist Evidence

An AQF Level 5 Arboricultural Impact Assessment prepared by Perth Arbor Services (dated 17/06/2025) has assessed the subject tree (*Eucalyptus nicholii*, Tag #50).

The report identifies:

- Significant encroachment into the Tree Protection Zone beyond acceptable thresholds
- Substantial loss of structural and fibrous roots
- Poor structural condition and previous stress indicators
- A Safe Useful Life Expectancy (SULE) of 0–5 years
- Elevated risk profile within a residential setting

Based on these findings, the arborist has recommended that the tree be removed, as it is no longer suitable for retention.

These findings indicate that the tree is in structural decline and presents an elevated risk within a residential context, particularly having regard to its proximity to the proposed building envelope.

Planning Context

We note that this matter was previously raised as part of a broader development application, during which the proposed tree removal was considered by the City.

This application is now submitted separately to allow focused consideration of the tree removal request on its own merits, having regard to the detailed arboricultural assessment and the constraints associated with developing the lot.

Response to Previous Assessment

We acknowledge that, as part of the previous development application, the City undertook a site inspection and formed the view that the subject tree was in a healthy condition.

The enclosed AQF Level 5 Arboricultural Impact Assessment provides a detailed technical assessment of the tree, identifying structural root loss, reduced stability and a limited Safe Useful Life Expectancy (0–5 years). These matters are not necessarily apparent from visual inspection alone and are based on specialised arboricultural assessment methods.

On that basis, we respectfully submit that the arborist's findings provide a more comprehensive and technical evaluation of the tree's condition and risk profile.

Request

In accordance with the Local Development Plan provisions allowing variation where supported by an arborist report, we respectfully request approval for the removal of the tree.

The Local Development Plan allows for variation to tree retention requirements where supported by appropriate arboricultural advice. In this instance, the enclosed AQF Level 5 report provides a clear and site-specific technical basis for that variation.

Retention of the tree, in light of the identified structural issues and limited useful life expectancy, would not represent a reasonable or sustainable outcome in the context of future residential development of the site.

We confirm our willingness to comply with any reasonable conditions imposed by the City, including the planting of a suitable replacement tree or alternative landscaping measures to offset canopy loss.

Given the arborist's professional assessment and the site constraints, we respectfully request that this application be given full and careful consideration, having regard to both the arborist findings and the practical constraints of developing the lot.

This application is supported by a detailed arboricultural assessment and is respectfully submitted for fresh consideration on its merits.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Saravana Gunasekaran and Anjana Arumugham
(Owners – Lot 823, 16 Brenda Road, Maida Vale)