



---

# Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society Inc

---

P.O Box 989, Lane Cove NSW 1595

ABN 50 518 833 556

Email: [lanecove\\_bushland@yahoo.com](mailto:lanecove_bushland@yahoo.com)

Website: <https://lanecovebushland.org.au/>

The General Manager,  
Mr Craig Wrightson,  
Lane Cove Council

Cc: All Councillors

26 July, 2021

Dear Mr Wrightson,

**RE: Extensive tree and native vegetation clearing at 14 Gay Street & Upper Stringybark Reserve**

The Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society (LCBCS) is concerned at the large amount of native vegetation clearing on 14 Gay Street, including in the environmental protection layer and up to the Harry Howard Bushwalk as well as into the public reserve. This clearing includes a large number of mid-storey trees indigenous to this reserve as well as regenerated and revegetated sections of the reserve.

Given the size and environmental significance to Upper Stringybark Creek Reserve of the vegetation on 14 Gay Street, the Society would appreciate Council response and clarification of the following:

- 1. Has the clearing at 14 Gay Street been authorised by Council?**
- 2. If there has been Council authorisation, why have so many native especially mid-storey trees been removed?**
- 3. Has the ecological significance of this site been conveyed to the current owners and what monitoring of the removal has Council undertaken?**
- 4. Why has the tree and vegetation removal included clearing of low and mid-storey native vegetation in the environmental protection layer?**
- 5. Why have revegetated and rehabilitated areas in the public reserve been cleared?**
- 6. Will Council issue fines for clearing in the reserve or native tree removal on private land?**
- 7. What, if any, remediation of the vegetation native to Upper Stringybark Creek Reserve will be undertaken? By whom? And how will this be monitored?**

From earlier submissions to Council, you will be aware that this site demonstrates the transition of three endangered ecological communities - Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest (STIF), Sydney Blue Gum High Forest (SBHF) and Coastal Sandstone Foreshore Forest (SCFF) - of which *there are no other examples remaining in Lane Cove*.

Included with this letter are some photos showing the progress with the clearing to its present stage. We trust that Council will answer our questions to explain the ongoing clearing.

Yours sincerely,

Yvonne Barber and Ruth Neumann  
On behalf of the LCB&CS.

**Attachment**

