



Dear Mayor and all Councillors,
LCBCS ask Councillors to consider our comments on these Agenda items:

- (1) **Tree Vandalism in Longueville- SU1099 - 71189/23**
- (2) **Sediment flows into Berrys Creek from St Leonards South development, Topspring site.**
- (3) **Planning Reforms, Housing Targets and Regulatory Enforcement - SU3486 - 70876/23**
- (4) **Sport and Recreation Facility - Management & Operating Model -SU9115 - 56049/23**

(1) Tree Vandalism in Longueville

The Society shares the disgust at the deliberate destruction of almost 300 trees and shrubs from Council-owned bushland on Woodford Bay adjacent to 44 Lucretia Ave, Longueville. Native habitat and the foreshore beauty was destroyed with the clear-felling of Eucalypts (incl Angophora), Banksia, Casuarina (high density vegetation) and others

While the Society supports Council taking strong action and lobbying State Government to increase penalties for environmental crimes, this slow process benefits the culprits, particularly those wealthy land-holders for whom the fines are mere pocket money.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

TO IMMEDIATELY DETER ANY FUTURE INCIDENTS by others, we urge Council to take the ONLY EFFECTIVE, IMMEDIATE, CLEAR, STRONG AND EQUIVICOL ACTION. **HUGE PERMANENT BANNER STRUCTURES MUST BE ERRECTED NOW BY COUNCIL ON THE CLEAR-FELLED SITE TO REMOVE THE WATERVIEWS** that most likely drove this destruction and **IMPACT THE WATERFRONT PROPERTY'S SALE PRICE.**

Every media outlet contacted the LCBCS about this destruction and it follows that the erection of these signs would be very hot news, gaining further priceless publicity that will enhance the Councils message loudly across NSW & nationally. Signs left on the waterfront till trees regrow send a loud environmental message to all.

Similar poisoning of gigantic Moreton Bay Figs to gain water views and mass destruction of other mature native trees in waterfront bushland in Warraroon Reserve (near Tambourine Bay) has occurred over several years near the tracks. The Society urged Council to erect huge banners that decried the destruction and blocked the views, which is did. These were only recently illegally removed by unknown person/s, which demonstrates how effective, unwanted a deterrent they are.

RECOMMENDATION 2

We have long called for Council to issue SIGNS to be placed on street fences to notify of the legality of tree works being undertaken so informing or conversely alerting neighbours, but instead an online notification resulted, much less timely a warning system.

(2) Sediment flows from the Topspring site into Berrys Creek

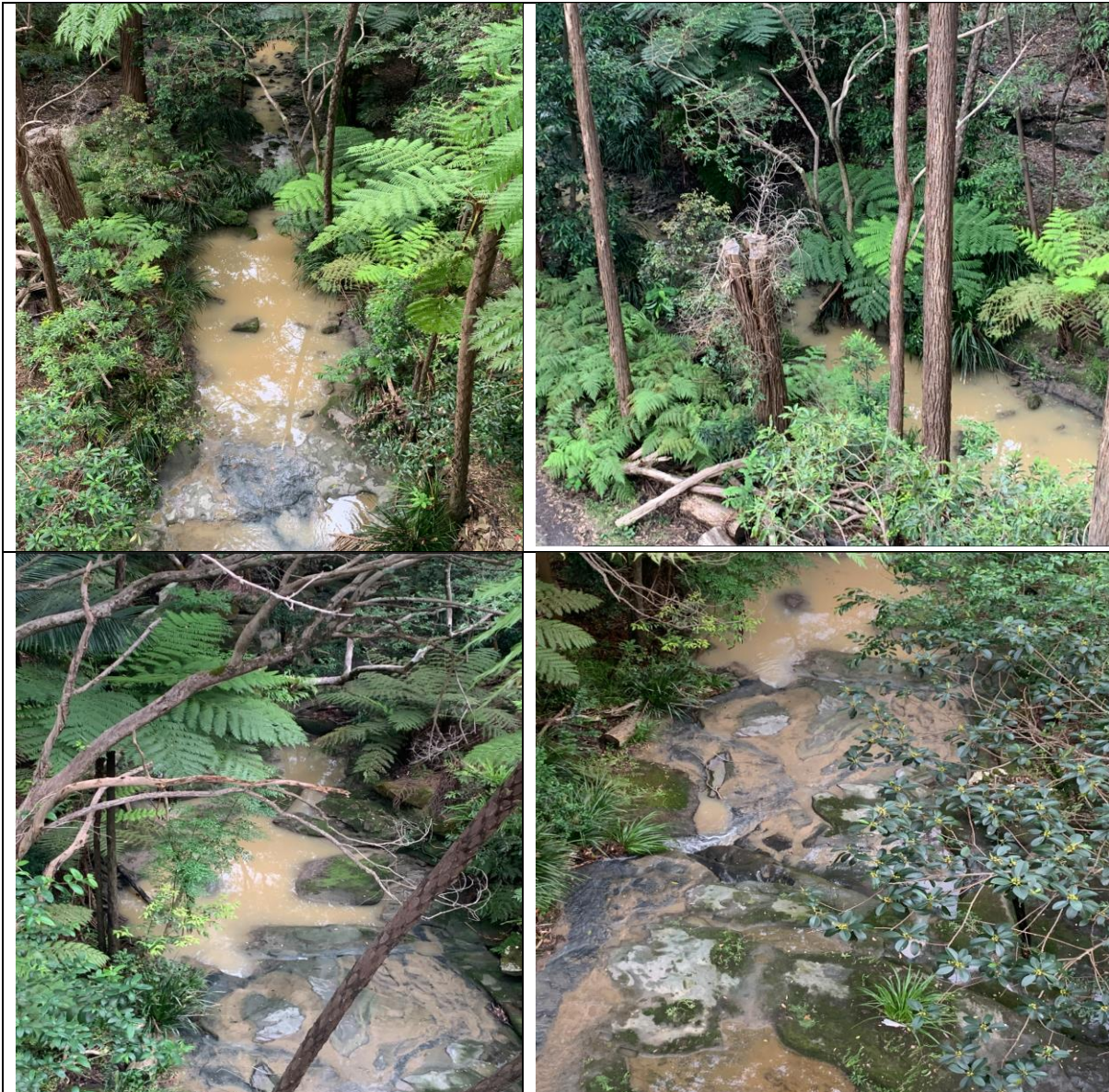
The Society believes the many subsequent sediment flows from the Topspring site into Berrys Creek via the River Rd drain (since the first fine for 7 November pollution), as well as **sediment laden flows from multiple points of their site along Canberra Avenue flowing as recently as Sunday 3 December should have resulted in Council demanding further STOP WORKS, and further FINES.** It was apparent that the existing silt and sediment controls in place did not cope with the wet weather of Friday 24 and Saturday 25 November. The issue is not only about sediment control devices but about the design/pattern of excavation and sediment stockpiling.

Berry's Creek images below were taken by me (SF) at 5.30pm, Thurs. 30 November.

(3) Planning Reforms, Housing Targets & Regulatory Enforcement

SU3486 - 70876/23

As one of the few metro Councils that has maintained tree canopy within 800 metres of either a railway station or town centre, **the Society urges Lane Cove Council to develop policy mechanisms to ensure large, mature, native trees are included in (and not removed from) the design of new low and medium-rise housing** under the proposed fast track planning rules recently announced by the Department of Planning and Environment. Typically rows of town-houses are bereft of even one large tree, every inch paved for off-street parking, increasing the heat island effect and microclimate.



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(4) Sport and Recreation Facility - Management & Operating Model -SU9115 - 56049/23

As a community not-for-profit organisation, the LCBCS has used the former Golf Club function area for our large Christmas events and other Society gatherings. It is most important that the Council retain an internal management model for the FUNCTION area so that the communities access to the venue is prioritised with non-commercial affordable pricing (as was the case), so that usage for the community is retained with Council in control of programming.

Regards,
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