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**Re: Preservation of beautiful old tree at your property - 20 Dudley Ave, North Plympton**

Dear Mr Athwal,

I'm writing to sincerely request that you reconsider your plans to demolish a very old and beautiful gum tree on your development property at 20 Dudley Ave North Plympton.

I live nearby and am very upset at the imminent removal of this healthy tree, which provides habitat for native songbirds, cools our neighbourhood and is a stunning natural feature of our streetscape.

You may not be aware, but given its age, height, canopy and excellent health, this Lemon-Scented Gum holds special significance for us and is much loved. For some time now locals have been very worried about its removal.

We understand you've submitted plans to demolish the tree to accommodate a driveway, as part of the construction of three double-storey townhouses.



While we understand the need for housing, and your right to build it, we ask you to carefully consider if cutting down the tree is necessary? Could changes be made to the site layout to ensure it can be preserved? Could more innovative construction methods be used to avoid the death of the tree? Could the tree be pruned rather than killed?

Considering there is already a stobie pole close to the tree trunk, which it appears may equally impact construction of a driveway, is the removal of the tree required?

Although we understand you can take advantage of our state's weak tree protection laws, we are appealing to you to revisit your plans as a responsible, ethical and environmentally-minded member of our community.

We ask you to seriously consider the wellbeing of your neighbours and our very strong views that this tree should be preserved.

If you save the tree, you will be applauded by our local community and many others who've advocated to rescue the tree, including our local Member of Parliament Jayne Stinson MP, the Conservation Council and 20 Metre Trees.

We'd be happy to speak or meet with you to discuss any options to save this beautiful tree.

We hope to hear back from you very soon via our MP [jayne.stinson@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:jayne.stinson@parliament.sa.gov.au) or 8371 5600.

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