

Application for a



Office of
Environment
& Heritage

Section 91 Licence

under the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* to harm or pick a threatened species, population or ecological community* or damage habitat.

1. Applicant's Name ^: (if additional persons require authorisation by this licence, please attach details of names and addresses)	The Owners Corporation Strata Plan [REDACTED]	
2. Australian Business Number (ABN):	94410376686	
3. Organisation name and position of applicant ^: (if applicable)	Kristin Cooper - NSW Strata Management on behalf of the Owners Corporation [REDACTED]	
4. Postal address ^:	P.O. Box 2102 North Parramatta NSW 1750	Telephone ^: B.H. [REDACTED] A.H. [REDACTED]
5. Location of the action (including grid reference and local government area and delineated on a map).	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Eastwood. Hornsby Shire. See attached Strata Plan Tree Marked *	

* A threatened species, population or ecological community means a species, population or ecological community identified in Schedule 1, 1A or Schedule 2 of the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*.

^ The personal details of all Section 91 licences will be displayed in the register of Section 91 licences required under Section 104 of the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*. See notes.

<p>6. Full description of the action and its purpose (e.g. environmental assessment, development, etc.)</p>	<p>Removal of <u>one</u> Sydney Blue Gum tree (<i>Eucalyptus Saligna</i>), which is less than 3m from the foundation of the building, causing damage to the wall & driveway.</p>
<p>7. Details of the area to be affected by the action (in hectares).</p>	<p>1m² - Base of the tree</p>
<p>8. Duration and timing of the action (including staging, if any).</p>	<p>1 or 2 days, to commence as soon as Section 91 License is granted</p>
<p>9. Is the action to occur on land declared as critical habitat*? (tick appropriate box)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>* Critical habitat means habitat declared as critical habitat under Part 3 of the <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i>.</p>	

<p>10. Threatened species, populations or ecological communities to be harmed or picked.</p>	<p><u>Scientific name</u></p> <p>Eucalyptus Saligna</p>	<p><u>Common name</u> (if known)</p> <p>Sydney Blue Gum</p>	<p><u>Conservation status</u> (i.e. critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable)</p> <p>Critically Endangered</p> <p>-Blue Gum High Forest</p>	<p><u>Details of no. of individual animals, or proportion and type of plant material</u> (e.g. fertile branchlets for herbarium specimens or whole plants or plant parts)</p> <p>1 Tree</p>
<p>11. Species impact: (please tick appropriate box)</p> <p>a) For action proposed on land declared as critical habitat;</p> <p>or</p> <p>b) For action proposed on land <u>not</u> declared as critical habitat.</p>	<p>an SIS is attached <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Items 12 to 25 have been addressed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			
<p><i>N.B: Provision of a species impact statement is a statutory requirement of a licence application if the action is proposed on critical habitat.</i></p> <p><i>The provision of information addressing items 12 to 17 is a statutory requirement of a licence application if the action proposed is <u>not</u> on land that is critical habitat. Information addressing any of the questions below must be attached to the application.</i></p>				

<p>12. Describe the type and condition of habitats in and adjacent to the land to be affected by the action.</p>	<p>The tree is located on a residential block, on which there are many other native & non-native trees including several other Sydney Blue Gums. None of the other trees would be affected.</p>
<p>13. Provide details of any known records of a threatened species in the same or similar known habitats in the locality (include reference sources).</p>	<p>The tree is located at [REDACTED] Eastwood, in a heavily populated area. There are a number of remnants of Blue Gum High Forest nearby - within 10km Cumberland State Forest Pennant Hills Park Wallumetia Wetlands</p>
<p>14. Provide details of any known or potential habitat for a threatened species on the land to be affected by the action (include reference sources).</p>	<p>No threatened species is known to use the tree as a habitat.</p>
<p>15. Provide details of the amount of such habitat to be affected by the action proposed in relation to the known distribution of the species and its habitat in the locality.</p>	<p>The BGHF will be reduced by a single tree only. The action will have no effect on other Sydney Blue Gums on the same property or in the area.</p>

<p>16. Provide an assessment of the likely nature and intensity of the effect of the action on the lifecycle and habitat of the species.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>17. Provide details of possible measures to avoid or ameliorate the effect of the action.</p>	<p>2 new trees will be planted on the property to replace the one to be removed. Positions well away from the building have already been selected for the replacement trees.</p> <p>They will be planted in accordance with the guidelines of the LGA, Horsham Shire Council, as set out on the Council's website.</p>
<p><i>N.B: The Director-General must determine whether the action proposed is likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats. To enable this assessment the Applicant is required to address items 18 to 24. Any additional information referred to in addressing these items must be attached to the application.</i></p>	
<p>18. In the case of a threatened species, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.</p>	<p>Existing conservation orders & the strict licensing criteria ensure that there is no risk of extinction to the species.</p>

<p>19. In the case of an endangered population, whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on the life cycle of the species that constitutes the endangered population such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>20. In the case of an endangered ecological community or critically endangered ecological community, whether the action proposed:</p> <p>(i) is likely to have an adverse effect on the extent of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction, or</p> <p>(ii) is likely to substantially and adversely modify the composition of the ecological community such that its local occurrence is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.</p>	<p>Within the existing safeguards, the removal of <u>ONE</u> tree will not place the local occurrence of Sydney Blue Gums at risk of extinction.</p> <p>No. There are other Sydney Blue Gums on the property & vast numbers of them in the area, including the Cumbetland State Forest.</p>
<p>21. In relation to the habitat</p>	

<p>of a threatened species, population or ecological community:</p> <p>(i) the extent to which habitat is likely to be removed or modified as a result of the action proposed, and</p> <p>(ii) whether an area of habitat is likely to become fragmented or isolated from other areas of habitat as a result of the proposed action, and</p> <p>(iii) the importance of the habitat to be removed, modified, fragmented or isolated to the long-term survival of the species, population or ecological community in the locality.</p>	<p>The effect of the removal of <u>one</u> tree would be negligible.</p> <p>The remnant on this property & surrounding residential blocks is already fragmented as a result of the Council's permitting residential development within the BGHF. However, present conservation requirements prevents further fragmentation.</p> <p>The single tree to be removed is a very mature tree, likely approaching the end of its life. Its removal will not affect the long-term survival of the species, population or ecological community in the locality.</p>
<p>22. Whether the action proposed is likely to have an adverse effect on critical habitat (either directly or indirectly).</p>	<p>In light of what has been explained in previous answers, there would be no adverse effect.</p>
<p>23. Whether the action proposed is consistent with the objectives or actions of a recovery plan or threat abatement plan.</p>	<p>The proposal to replace one removed tree with two others should further the recovery of the species.</p>
<p>24. Whether the action</p>	

proposed constitutes or is part of a key threatening process or is likely to result in the operation of, or increase the impact of, a key threatening process.

The removal of one tree is not part of a "key threatening process" nor will it increase the impact of a "key threatening process". If the tree is not removed it will continue to cause significant structural damage to the building.

Important information for the applicant

Processing times and fees

The *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* provides that the Director-General must make a decision on the licence application within 120 days where a species impact statement (SIS) has been received. No timeframes have been set for those applications which do not require a SIS. The Director-General will assess your application as soon as possible. You can assist this process by providing clear and concise information in your application.

Applicants may be charged a processing fee. The Director-General is required to advise prospective applicants of the maximum fee payable before the licence application is lodged. Therefore, prospective applicants should contact the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) prior to submitting a licence application.

A \$30 licence application fee must accompany a licence application.

Protected fauna and protected native plants*

Licensing provisions for protected fauna and protected native plants are contained within the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. However, a Section 91 Licence may be extended to include protected fauna and protected native plants when these will be affected by the action.

If you are applying for a licence to cover both threatened and protected species please provide the information requested in Item 10 as well as a list of protected species and details of the number of individuals animals or proportion and type of plant material which are likely to be harmed or picked.

Request for additional information

The Director-General may, after receiving the application, request additional information necessary for the determination of the licence application.

Species impact statement

Where the application is not accompanied by a SIS, the Director-General may decide, following an initial assessment of your application, that the action proposed is likely to have a significant effect

* Protected fauna means fauna of a species not named in Schedule 11 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

Protected native plant means a native plant of a species named in Schedule 13 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Service 1974*.

on threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats. In such cases, the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* requires that the applicant submit a SIS. Following initial review of the application, the Director-General will advise the applicant of the need to prepare a SIS.

Director-General's requirements for a SIS

Prior to the preparation of a SIS, a request for Director-General's requirements must be forwarded to the relevant OEH Office. The SIS must be prepared in accordance with section 109 and 110 of the TSC Act and must comply with any requirements notified by the Director-General of OEH.

Disclosure of Personal Information in the Public Register of s91 Licences

The Public Register provides a list of licence applications and licences granted. A person about whom personal information is contained in a public register may request that the information is removed or not placed on the register as publicly available.

Copies of all applications and licences issued under section 91 and certificates issued under section 95 of the Act are available on the OEH website at

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspecies/S91TSCaRegisterByDate.htm
or in hardcopy form from The Librarian, OEH, 59 Goulburn St, Sydney.

Certificates

If the Director-General decides, following an assessment of your application, that the proposed action is not likely to significantly affect threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, a Section 91 Licence is not required and the Director-General must, as soon as practicable after making the determination, issue the applicant with a certificate to that effect.

N.B: An action that is not required to be licensed under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995, may require licensing under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, if it is likely to affect protected fauna or protected native plants.

I confirm that the information contained in this application is correct. I hereby apply for a licence under the provisions of Section 91 of the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*.

Applicant's name
(Please print)

Kristin Cooper - On behalf of SP22351

Applicant's Position &
Organisation (if relevant)
(Please print)

Portfolio Manager - NSW Strata Management

Applicant's signature



Date

28/10/13

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