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RE: Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct (Treelogic ref. #012527).

Dear Ross,

Following recent discussion and site meeting, please find below my comments regarding proposed tree changes in the northwest corner of the site (Heritage Victoria VHR Site HO0054). The original proposal sought to remove most trees north of the MCH building, including four Irish Strawberry trees (#327, 331, 334 & 336). Another Irish Strawberry tree, #329 was and still is proposed for retention.

Adjustment was made to accommodate retention of a large Liquidambar (#328) the dominant tree in this vicinity. Latest plans now propose retention of another significant Liquidambar (#335), which has potential to reach similar dimensions to #328, plus the oldest and most significant Irish Strawberry tree (#336). This latest proposal still seeks to remove the three smaller Irish Strawberry trees (#327, 331 & 334).

The three smaller Irish Strawberry trees, #327, 331 & 334 were all assessed as having fair condition and limited arboricultural value (either Low or Mod.C). I reviewed this data during a recent site visit and believe all three trees warrant a reduced structural rating (e.g. from 'Fair' to 'Fair to Poor' or 'Poor') and reduced arboricultural rating (e.g. from 'Mod. C' or 'Low' to 'Low' or 'Very Low'). This is largely based on all three specimens having multiple stems with basal codominance, canopy bias in response to being suppressed, and minimal prominence in general. These three smaller specimens are not of comparable significance/age to #329 or #336. It is highly unlikely these three smaller trees were part of the original heritage planting, and are more likely self-sown progeny from #336 in the last 20-30 years.

The intended removal of these three smaller Irish Strawberry trees (#327, 331 & 334) will enhance the exposure of the five higher-quality trees being retained and facilitate general landscape upgrades, which I view as an appropriate tree management outcome.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further assistance.



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