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Dear Steve

Re: ARBORIST REPORT 15 Hunter Street, Woolwich

Hunters Hill Trust has received the Arborist report from Russell Kingdom of Advanced Treescape Consulting. We are shocked by the 'many factors' identified in Kingdom's letter, in particular a diagnosis that this tree is deemed '**deceased**' and '**immediate removal is clearly warranted**' which the Trust **strongly contests!**

It would seem information in Kingdom's letter contradicts other recent inspections undertaken by Council staff whereby the compliance officer reported no evidence of vandalism was evident and that the tree had green shoots and leaves forming. At that time Council suggested they would engage a level 5 arborist to conduct a report to ensure nothing untoward had occurred.

Given the content of Kingdom's letter, the Trust seeks Council's immediate attention and efforts to urgently engage an '**independent arborist**' to inspect this tree to assess its condition and ongoing viability before it is conveniently taken down.

Further, Council needs to assess whether this tree has **existing hollows or nesting birds** and whether it should **remain in situ**. Also, to assess what happens now to the **\$20,000 bond**? Perhaps a Council Planner could also attend this site to assess if the minor works Kingdom describes as being close to the tree were ever approved?

We would appreciate a quick response and immediate action to the matters we have raised as soon as possible and before Council's closure for the holiday break.

Kind regards

Karyn Raisin
President
Hunters Hill Trust