

[REDACTED]

**From:** noreply@feedback.planningportal.nsw.gov.au on behalf of Planning Portal - Department of Planning and Environment  
<noreply@feedback.planningportal.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 April 2021 2:47 PM  
**To:** PDPS DRDE Design and Places SEPP Mailbox  
**Cc:** DPE PS ePlanning Exhibitions Mailbox  
**Subject:** Webform submission from: Design and Place State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)

Submitted on Tue, 27/04/2021 - 14:46

Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

**Submission Type**

I am making a personal submission

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

No

## Info

[REDACTED]

**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

NORTHMEAD

**Submission**

The SEPP must have mandatory requirements, particularly for protection and preservation of existing trees. Developers work according to set limits - if there are no limits and only "considerations" the greediest will win, and communities will lose. NSW Government needs to collaborate closely with experienced arboriculturists (such as the Institute of Australian Consulting Arboriculturists). The landscape architects' approach of high level intention statements for retention of existing trees does not result in tree retention in the real world. And tree retention is more important than planting new trees. Offsets do not work - trees cannot grow fast enough, particularly where less soil is allocated to their growth. NSW Government should also employ full time AQF Level 5 qualified arboriculturists who understand the complexities of tree retention and management in urban and other areas.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes