

3. Aim

The overall aim of the Green Travel Plan is to limit the number of staff who require access to their own private motor vehicle to travel to work by facilitating alternatives such as public transport, cycling, walking and car sharing.

Green Travel Plans have the potential to increase the use of walk, cycle and public transport modes for a range of trip types and can provide the following benefits:

- Reduce the need to provide parking (reducing costs associated with providing parking and helping to create more affordable housing outcomes);
- Contribute to corporate social responsibility relating to the triple bottom line, and improve corporate image as an innovative and environmentally-aware organisation;
- Help to attract and retain staff (reducing costs associated with staff turnover);
- Contribute to a healthier, happier and more active workplace (reducing costs associated with sick days and an unhealthy, unproductive workforce) by promote healthy forms of transport through walking and cycling trips;
- Create opportunities for healthier lifestyles and more vibrant, cohesive and accessible communities;
- Provide staff with potential travel cost savings;
- Help to appeal to a new generation of professionals who prioritise location and lifestyle over car ownership;
- Increase the potential market for the development by improving accessibility for those without access to a car;
- Reduce pressures on neighbourhoods through reduced congestion and on-street parking, ultimately improving amenity and the environment; and
- Reduce fuel costs and the reliance on fossil fuels, to reduce carbon emission and greenhouse gases.

The overall aim of the Green Travel Plan is to reduce the number of single occupancy private car trips to and from the site. The following specific objectives have been identified:

- Reduce the overall number of vehicle trips to and from the site;
- Increase carpooling where possible;
- Encourage the use of public transport to the site;
- Promote the use of walking and cycling modes; and
- Make visitors to the site aware of the sustainable transport alternative.

For this development, which has good parking provision onsite, the targeted travel is that of staff commuting. As this is a daily journey that typically doesn't vary in its length or destination, it is easiest travel habit to change.

4. Targets

The existing travel mode share for the Norwest Business Park has been obtained from the Census data for 2011, which has been provided by the Bureau of Transport within their Journey to Work database. Where a journey to work is comprised of more than one mode, a priority mode is allocated to one of the following hierarchies, which is generally the mode with the largest likely (but not necessarily actual) duration of the trip. The database provided the following travel mode split.

Mode	Employees	Existing Mode Share
Train	244	2%
Bus	381	2%
Ferry/Fram	3	0%
Vehicle Driver	14,129	90%
Vehicle Passenger	765	5%
Walked Only	98	1%
Other Mode	97	1%
Total	15,717	100%

Table 2: Existing Travel Mode Share

Using this information as base data, the following targets are to be established for the site:

- Reduce the number of car trips associated with the site by 5% per annum for each year to Year 3 of implementing the Plan (starting when Metro is operational); and
- Increase the number of trips by sustainable transport modes (i.e. public transport, walk, and cycle) associated with the site by 5% per annum for each year to Year 3 of implementing the Plan.

The travel plan is intended to develop a package of site specific measures to promote and maximise the use of sustainable travel modes, including walking, cycling, public transport and car sharing. It will include a review of existing transport choices and sets targets so that the effective implementation of the plan can be assessed. These targets are to be realistic but ambitious enough to initiate substantial behavioural change to achieve the desired outcomes. The plan shall be reviewed regularly as part of an ongoing review to ensure it remains relevant and reflective of current conditions.

5. Green Travel Planning Initiatives

The following sections develop the Green Travel Plan for the site. The Plan is to establish a Travel Plan Management Group comprising at least the building owner and tenants representatives and the activity operators who will meet regularly, adopting ownership and accountability for the actions, target setting and deliverables. The Plan is expected to be a living document, developed and progressed with the actual performance of the activities, measured and reviewed against the key targets.

5.1 Actions

The following actions are established to contribute achievement of the objectives. Actions are established to provide incentives for using sustainable transport modes.

Strategy	Aim	Action
Public Transport Actions	Subject to owner/tenant negotiations and incentives	
Travel pass loan schemes	Distribution of free or discounted public transport passes to encourage public transport use and help establish new transport habits amongst tenant(s)/staff	
Public transport for business travel	The commercial space organisation can promote public transport as the first preference for business travel. This should be supported by employees having access to travel passes	Subject to owner/tenant negotiations and incentives
Staff welcome packs	Train and bus timetables relevant to the local area must be included in the pack of information provided to staff upon commencing employment	Green Travel Plan Committee to prepare welcome packs and distribute
Education of available public transport services	Information about public transport routes provided within a prominent location on-site, including maps and timetables	Green Travel Plan Committee to provide on-site
Walking and Cycling	Provide bicycle parking on-site in a secure, prominent location, to encourage staff to cycle.	Applicant to establish on-site
Providing end of journey facilities	Providing facilities such as showers, change rooms, lockers	Applicant to establish on-site
Education of nearby pedestrian and cyclist facilities	Put up a noticeboard with leaflets and maps showing the main pedestrian and cyclist	Green Travel Plan Committee to provide on-site

Table 3: Travel Plan Actions

Strategy	Aim	Action
Promote inclusion with advertised events	routes to key destinations	Promote sustainable transport events such as Ride to Work Day and Walk to Work Day
Car Sharing	Organise 'car sharing' arrangements with service providers	Staff and visitors are encouraged to use a shared car (e.g. GoGet) to reduce the need for individuals to own their own vehicle
Carpooling	Prepare information sheets specific to residential commuters and employees on site	Establish a car pooling program to help people find someone to share in their daily commute

Minimising Car Use

Strategy	Aim	Action
Flexible working hours	Allowing staff the flexibility to commute outside peak periods to reduce overall congestion and travel time	Manage staff rosters, and develop work-from-home policies and procedures, where possible

Other Actions

Table 3: Travel Plan Actions

6. Monitoring and Review

6.1 Strategy for Promoting and Marketing the Actions

The Travel Plan Management Group appoints a Travel Plan Coordinator to prepare a promotional and marketing strategy, including actions to support and drive the Green Travel Plan. In particular, the key responsibilities of the Travel Plan Coordinator will include:

- Coordinating implementation efforts;
- Conducting surveys or other data collection processes to measure progress;
- Communicating the travel plan to stakeholders;
- Coordinating events to promote awareness of the plan and associated initiatives; and
- Coordinating marketing and promotional programs.

The Coordinator is also to be responsible for monitoring, reviewing and updating the travel plan over time. It is likely that coordinators will require assistance from 'champions' to promote specific actions and encourage the uptake of initiatives.

6.2 Commitment of Resources (Do we need this?)

The establishment of a Green Travel Plan is to include financial support and human resources to allow for implementation, monitoring, review and continual improvement of the Travel Plan.

The Travel Plan will require funding to support implementation. Relevant infrastructure, such as cycle parking and showers, are to be provided (if not already provided) through the development of Actions and their implementation. The Travel Plan should identify existing and additional resources required to successfully implement the plan.

The Travel Plan Coordinator is to prepare an annual plan of financial commitment and resource allocation to be reviewed, considered and adopted by the Green Travel Plan Committee.

6.3 Monitoring and Review

Monitoring and review is a process that sets out a systematic approach to measuring the impact of the travel plan.

The travel plan will be reviewed quarterly to track progress with regards to implementation of actions and achievement of goals.

An annual travel survey of staff and visitors will be undertaken to firstly establish a baseline level of performance. The results of successive surveys are to be maintained in the Appendices (Refer Appendix A example) to the Travel Plan for continued progress monitoring and evaluation.

Following surveys will then assess progress against the baseline data and toward the targets. Initially, the Travel Plan Coordinator will be responsible for implementing the survey however this will eventually become the responsibility of the Travel Plan Management Group.

The results of this survey will be published in an annual report to the Green Travel Plan Committee. It will detail progress against objectives and targets. The annual report will identify any modifications to the travel plan that are needed, such as revision of objectives or targets, or the addition or alteration of measures.

Once the travel plan has been prepared it should be ready to submit to Council for approval. The Transport Planning team is responsible for reviewing travel plans and may provide feedback or advice about how the plan could be improved, prior to being satisfied that it meets the intent of the development consent condition if one is established.

Monitoring and reviewing a travel plan is one of the most critical components of the travel planning process. It is crucial to understand whether and how the travel plan is having an impact on mode share. Council requires that on-going monitoring is conducted for a minimum of five years.

Once the data has been updated, the targets and actions of the travel plan will need to be reviewed. The review should consider:

- Are the targets still realistic? Are they still ambitious? Should they be updated?
- Is the building struggling to achieve particular targets? What are the likely reasons for this?
- Are there any gaps with regards to actions?
- What is preventing further improvement on mode share, and how can this be addressed?

The steps outlined above should not be considered as a linear process, but rather an on-going cycle. Travel planning requires regular review and adjustment – a review may reveal the need to reconsider objectives or targets, or to add new actions to create greater incentives for the uptake of sustainable transport choices.

6.4 Governance Support

Governance support for the Travel Plan Coordinator is to be provided by the Green Travel Plan Committee. The committee is in effect a "Board". It shall therefore comprise:

- Key persons with an interest in the business, its efficient and effective operation;
- To enable the implementation of measures that may require works on the site, the committee should also include representation from the landlord or property owner representative;
- To provide for the application of the Plan in an everyday operational sense, the Travel Plan Coordinator should ideally, be a person with operational responsibility and/or interface;
- Specialist expertise may be incorporated within the committee, seconded as required or engaged in relation to specific tasks or undertakings.

Responsibilities of the Green Travel Plan Coordinator will include:

- Coordinating implementation efforts;
- Conducting surveys or other data collection processes to measure progress;
- Communicating the travel plan to stakeholders;
- Coordinating events to promote awareness of the plan and associated initiatives; and
- Coordinating marketing and promotional programs.

The Green Travel Plan Coordinator or Management Group will be required to oversee the implementation of the actions of the Travel Plan. These might not all be implemented at the same time, but may be staged throughout time as appropriate. There may be some crucial actions that are implemented immediately, while others might take longer to plan and develop.

Before implementing actions, it is a key responsibility of the Green Travel Plan Coordinator to make sure relevant stakeholders are on board. For example, if the Green Travel Plan involves reviewing company policies and proposing changes, relevant members of the senior management team will need to be on board to sanction and approve such changes.

Appendix A

Annual and Progress Monitoring, Survey and Review Results (to be appended)

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Attention: Kayla Atkins – Town Planner, by email.

Dear Sir/Madam,

PLANNING PROPOSAL - 2-4 BURBANK PLACE, NORWEST BUSINESS PARK

Further to recent discussions, we write on behalf of our client GU Custodian/Capital Bluesone in respect of the planning proposal that is currently before Council. We are pleased to provide additional information that is intended to assist the assessment of the proposal and hopefully meet the expectations of Council staff moving forward.

Additional shadow analysis

In addition to the shadow analysis originally provided, additional analysis has now been completed that now includes:

- (a) Both current and proposed building heights at hourly intervals for June 21,
- (b) Spring/Autumn equinox and summer solstice periods.

The shadow diagrams are provided in the updated **architectural plan set enclosed at Section 5.0**

Acknowledging that *The Hills Shire 2012 Development Control Plan* recommends that at least 4 hours direct solar access be achieved for residential property private open space areas between 9am and 3pm on 21 June the key findings from the shadow analysis are as follows:

- residential properties to the west of Edgewater Drive currently achieve the recommended 4-hour solar access and will continue to do so even with the proposed building height. The only exception to this is private open spaces may already be 'self-shadowed'
 - In the worst-case scenario (June 21), there are no shadow impacts on any residential property from approximately 10:30am. Many properties are clear of shadow much earlier.
 - Due to the significant distance/separation between the proposed development and residential properties, resulting shadows will be fast-moving and have a duration of less than one hour.
- The shadow analysis demonstrates that the recommended level of direct solar access for the amenity of residents will continue to be achieved regardless of the proposed development even at June 21. There is minimal impact arising from the proposed increase in building height.**



Revised height of building

Council staff in preliminary discussions have requested consideration being given by the project team for a reduced building height. In this context, the intended development outcome/built form has been refined. Accordingly, the following adjustments have been made in the enclosed architectural plan set:

- A reduction in floor to floor height for parking levels 1 to 6 from 3650mm to 3000mm.
- A reduction in roof to top of plant from 7000mm to 6000mm.

These reductions can be achieved without compromising the intended functionality of the building. A revised height of building of **157.8m AHD is proposed**, reduced from 162.7m AHD. A revised architectural plan set, including revised building envelope is enclosed for your reference.

Why the proposed building height/20 storeys?

Reinforcing the status of the business park as a specialised centre and key employment destination – attracting new higher order business activities specifically suited to the Shire's skilled, professional workforce.

Having a clear and concise understanding of the key drivers/rationale for the intended building height of 20 storeys may assist Council's consideration of the proposal. Although outlined in detail in the documentation submitted to date, please find below a summary for convenience and reference:

- **Strategic merit** – the proposal seeks is aligned with both local and state-level objectives, including:

- **Reinforcing the status of the business park** as a specialised centre and key employment destination – attracting new higher order business activities specifically suited to the Shire's skilled, professional workforce.
- **Delivering jobs in an area of high accessibility and amenity**, being within an easy walking distance from the Northwest Train Station and the Northwest centre more generally – providing opportunities for reduced dependence on private vehicle travel. The site at 500m from the station has been historically recognising as being well-positioned to cater for additional high-quality office floor space.

- **Minimising amenity impacts** – the assessments completed demonstrate minimal impacts on the business park and surrounding areas, including minimal traffic and minimal solar impacts. Noise impacts will be minimal as a result of the intended land uses.
- **Building scale/character** – Commercial and Mixed-Use buildings of a significant scale separated from residential areas in a landscaped/lake setting already form part of the existing and future character of the Northwest Business Park. Buildings in the order of 20 storeys have been specifically planned for within the business park. The proposed development is consistent with this existing/intended future character and already established building scale.

It is also important to note that separation distance between the proposed commercial development on site and residential areas (minimum 65m/107m) is in excess of that already developed/planned for other locations in the Northwest Business Park (eg The Esplanade development at 60m). This is illustrated in the updated architectural plan set.

- **Existing site** – there are existing improvements/buildings on the site and the intended building height will facilitate the comprehensive redevelopment of the site. A smaller, incremental increase in building height would not facilitate this outcome.
- **Avoidance of view corridor** – the intended building envelope specifically responds to not only the current site conditions but is also clear of the historical view corridor to Bella Vista Farm. Locating additional height to the Western portion of the site assists in this regard.
- **Flexibility for the future** – while demonstrating alignment with Council's current parking rates, the built form has been specifically designed to provide flexibility for potential changes in parking rates into the future, with a number of floors able to be adapted should there be a change in Council's policy position on parking.

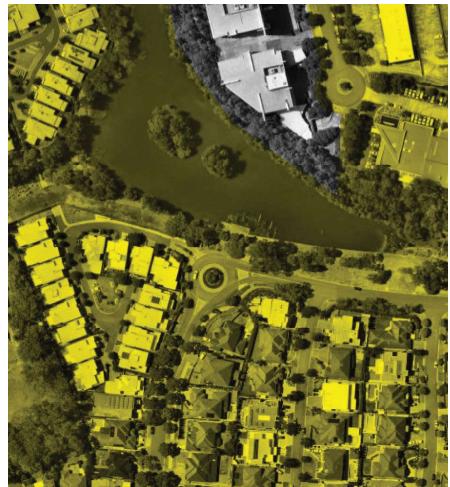
Consistent with the vision and objectives of the Hills Future Community Strategic Plan, the proposal provides an opportunity for businesses to grow and meet the needs of a modern local economy in a location that will have a high level of accessibility and amenity.

We trust this additional information assists Council's consideration of the planning proposal. Should you wish to discuss related matters further or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on 8233 7620. Alternatively, Frank Xuereb/David Read of Capital Bluestone may be contacted on 8072 4700.

Yours sincerely,

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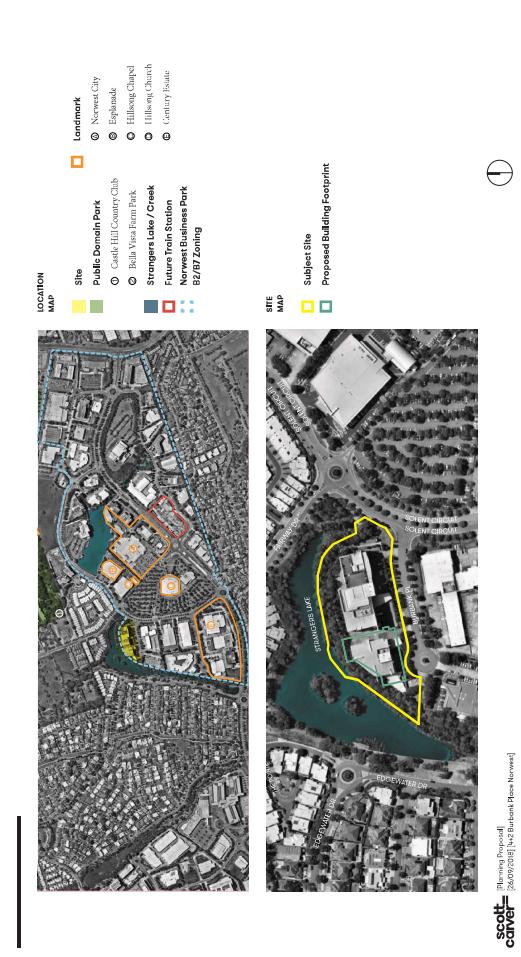
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View of Site from Edgewater Drive onto Strangers Lake



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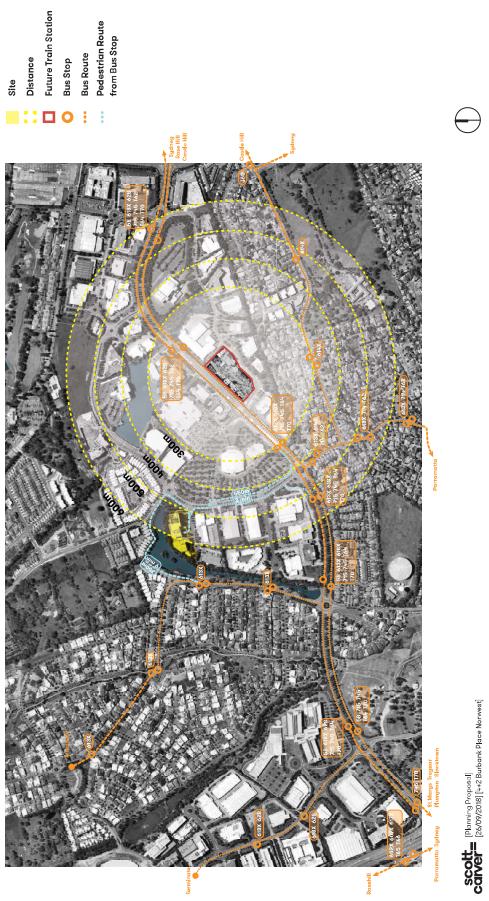
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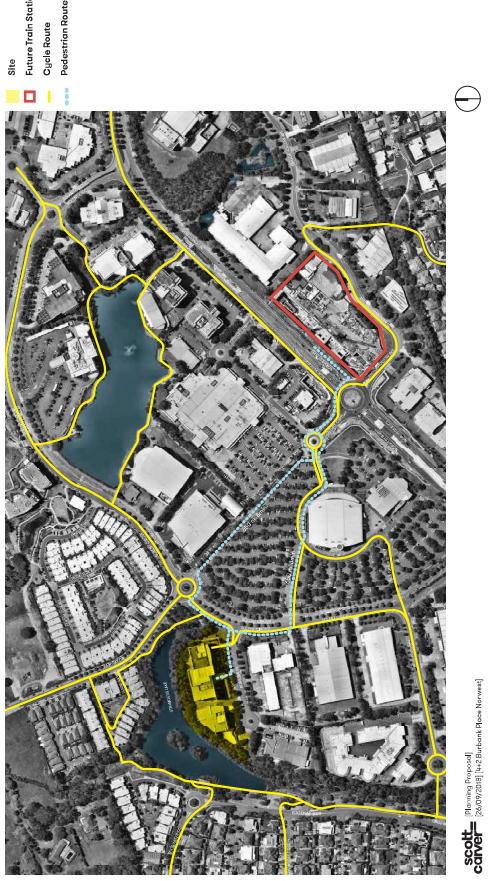
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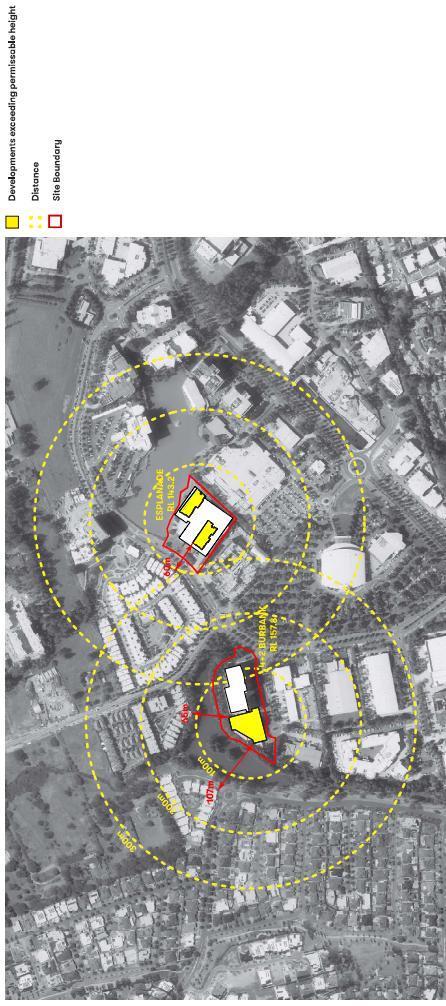
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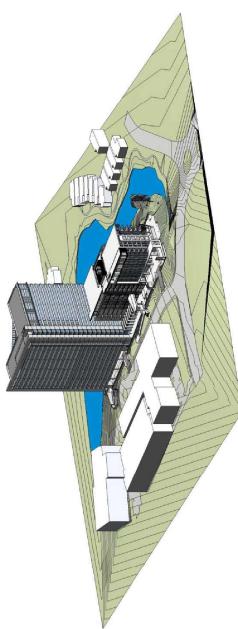
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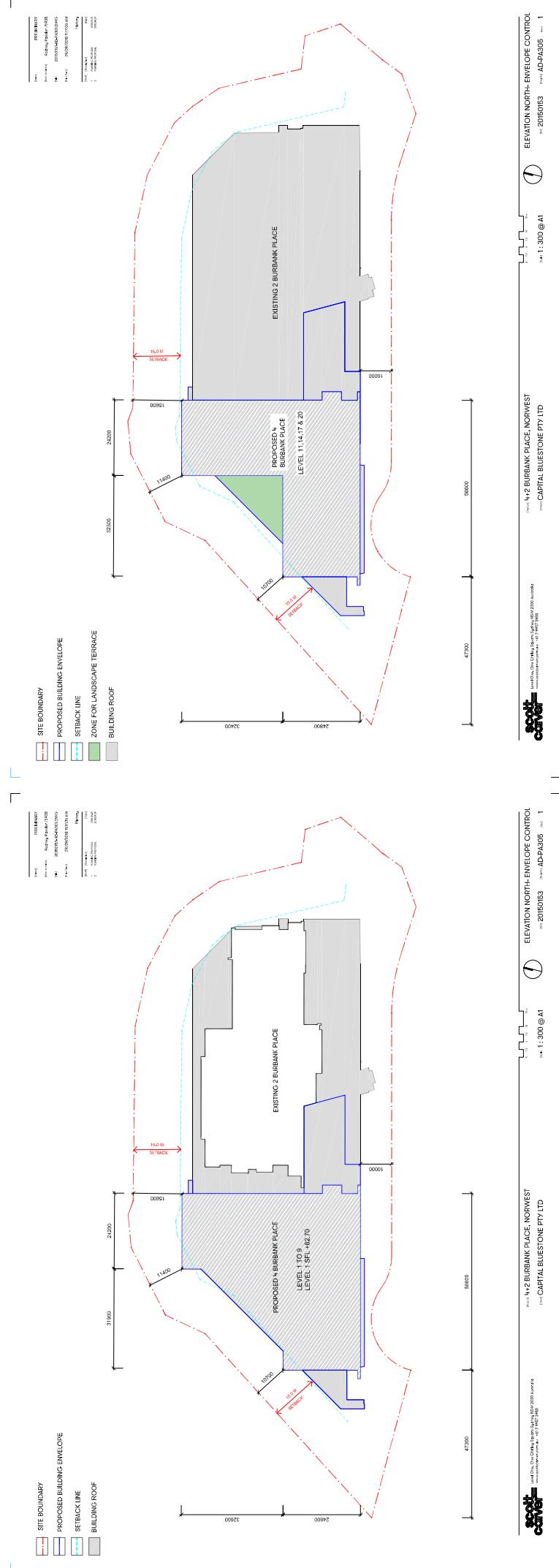


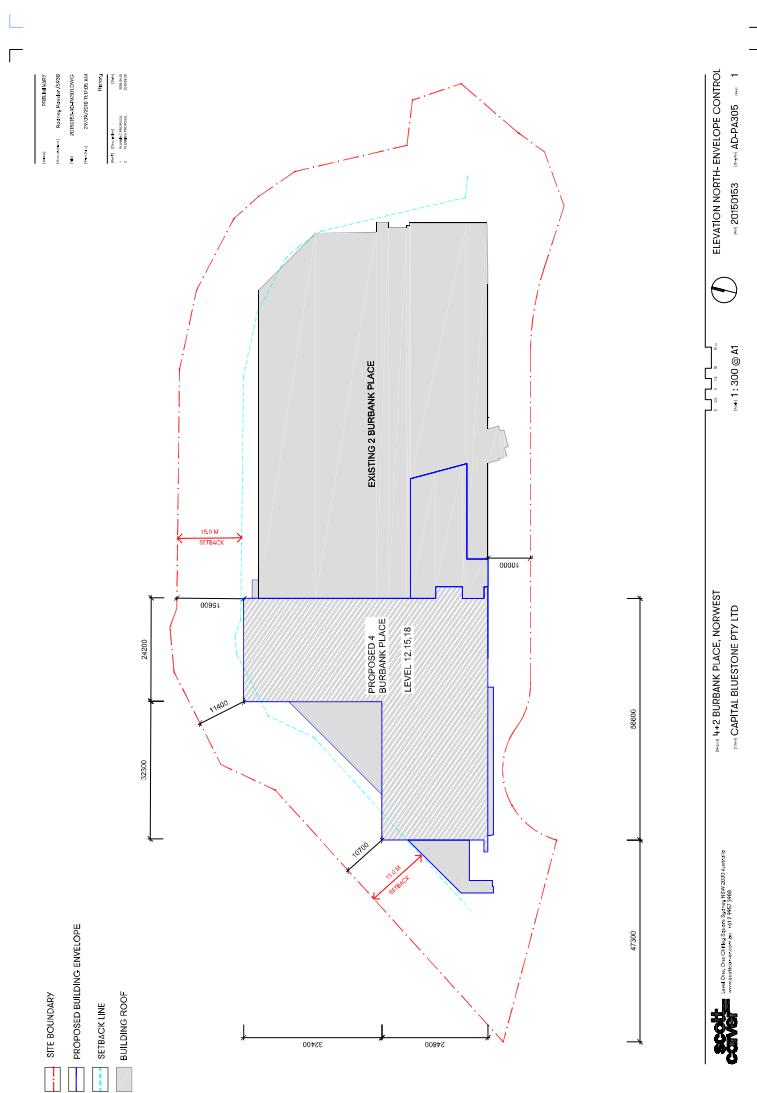
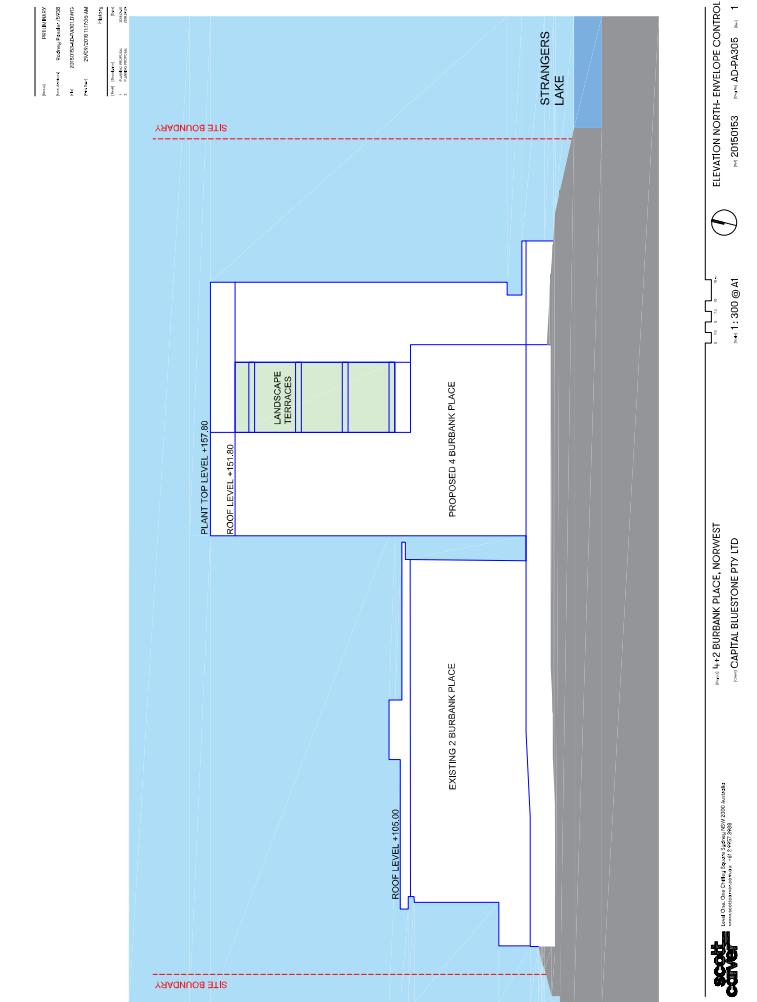
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Phase 2	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	3 months	Architectural Design	123 Main Street, Burbank	Final design for the building.
Phase 3	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	6 months	Construction	123 Main Street, Burbank	Construction of the building.
Phase 4	Q4 2025	Q1 2026	3 months	Interior Fitout	123 Main Street, Burbank	Interior fitout and equipment installation.
Phase 5	Q2 2026	Q3 2026	6 months	Grand Opening	123 Main Street, Burbank	Official opening of the building.

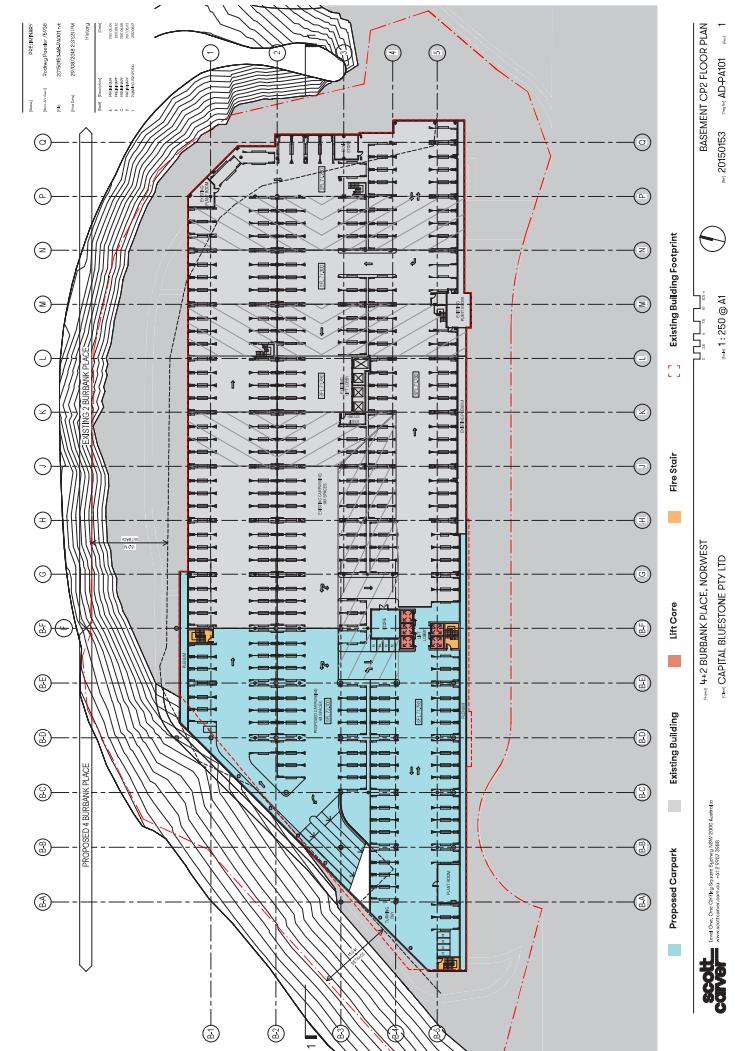


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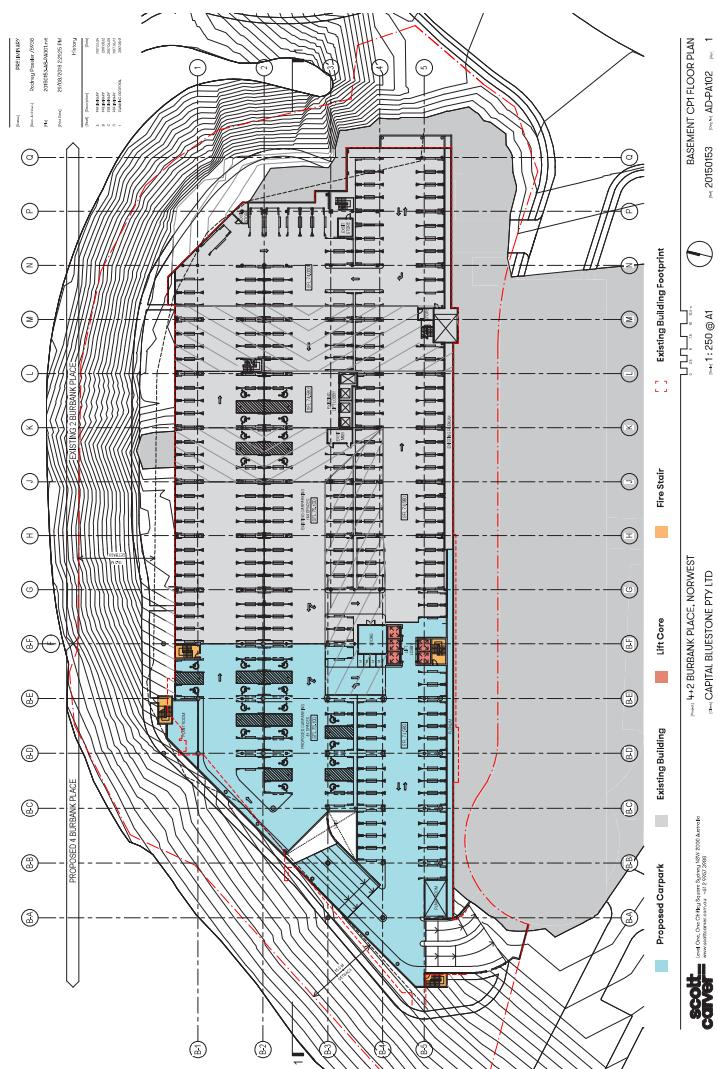
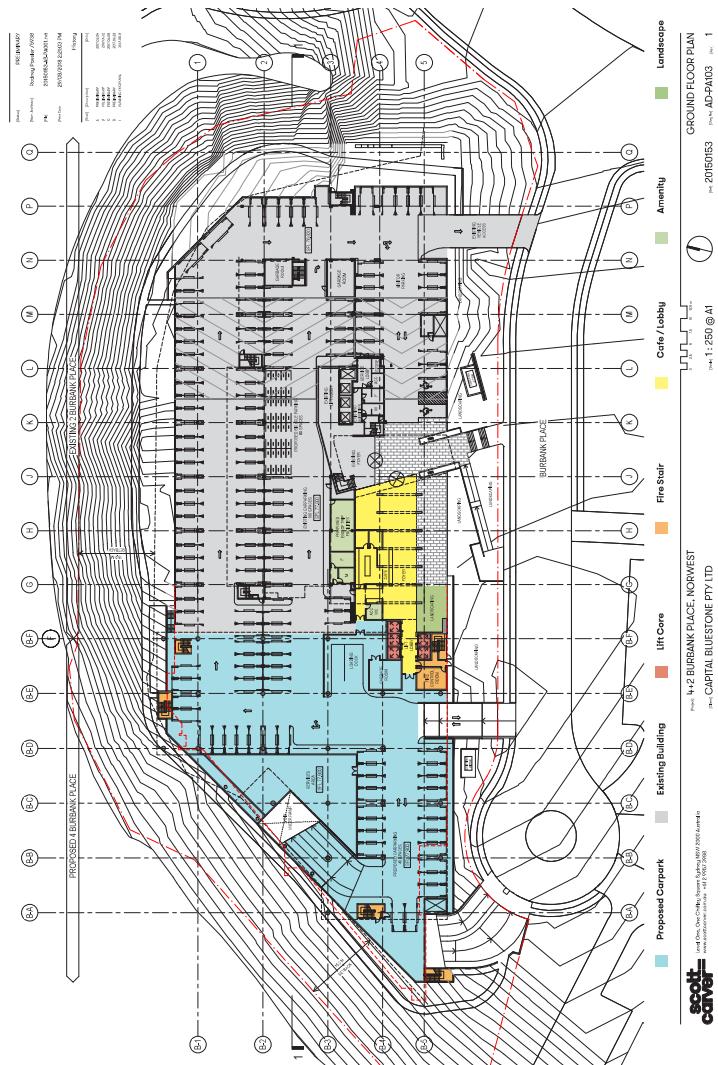


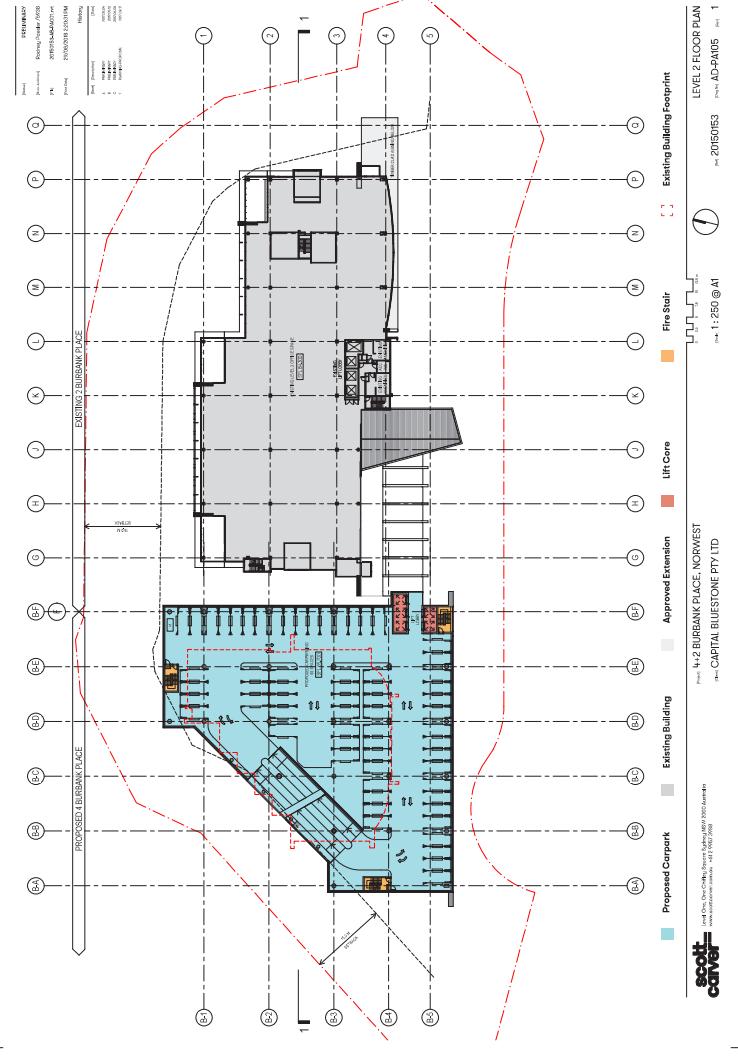


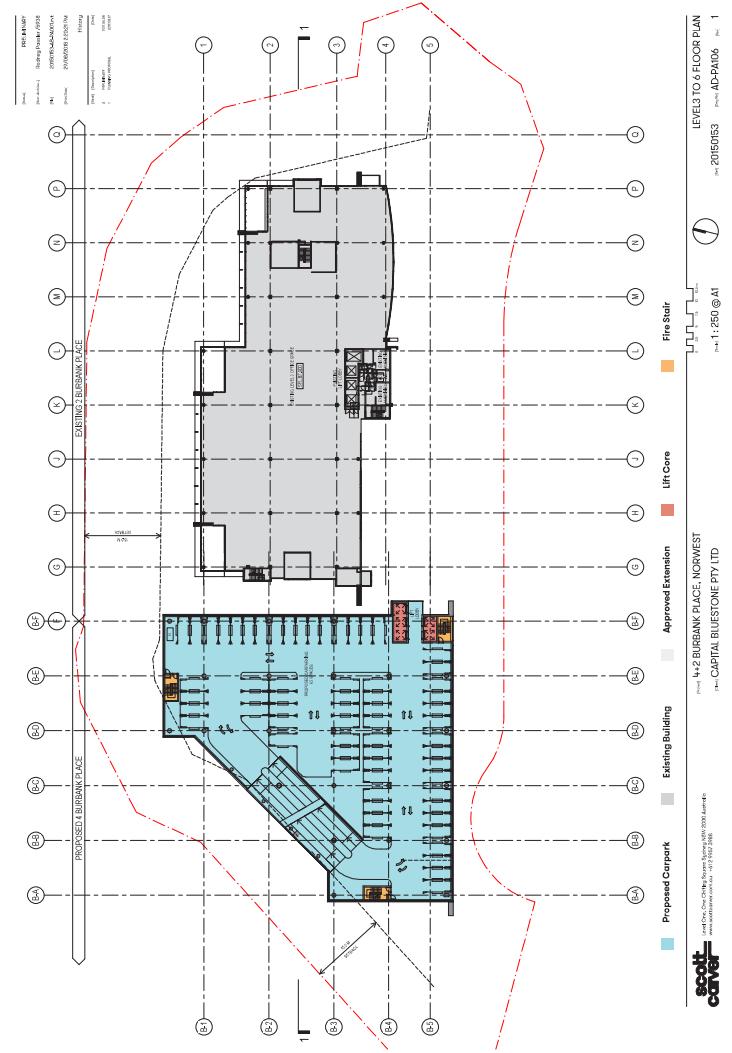
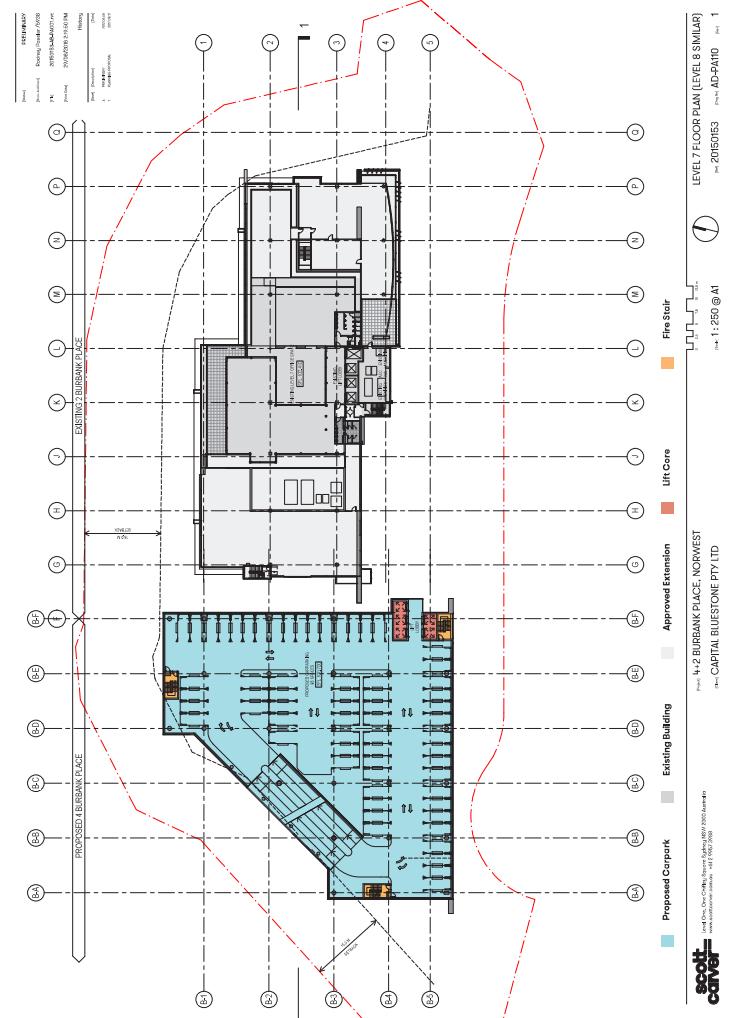


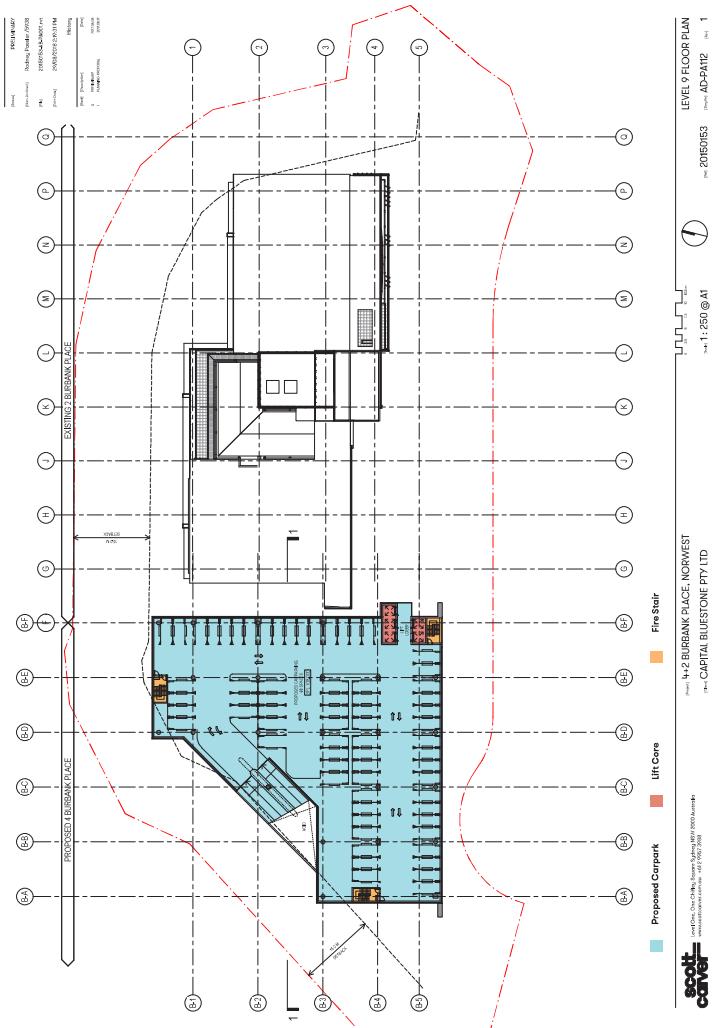
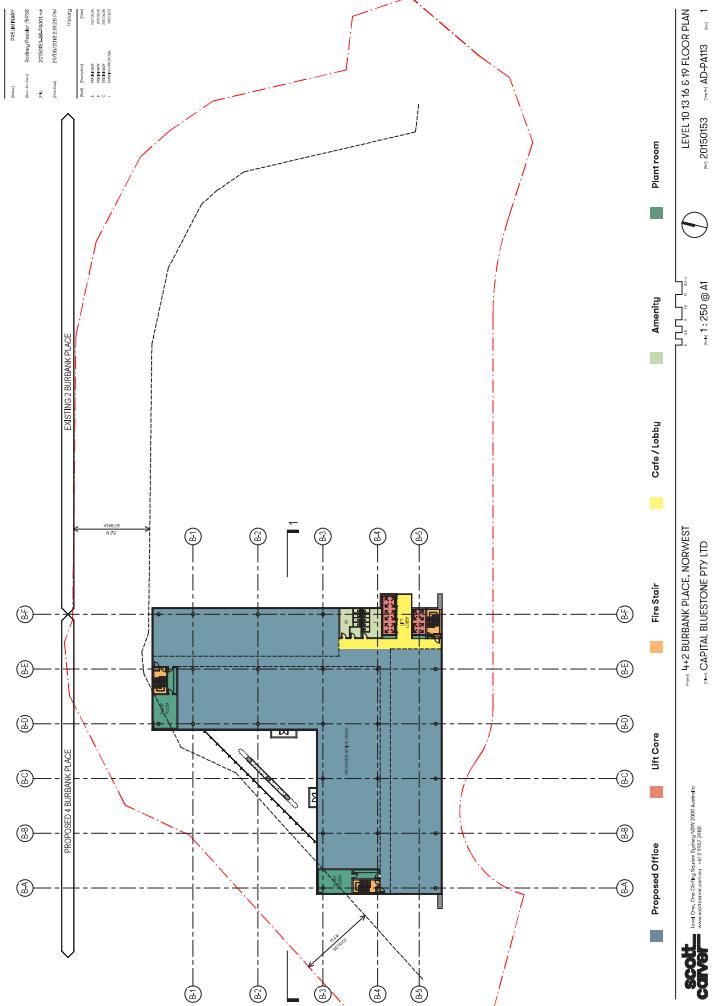
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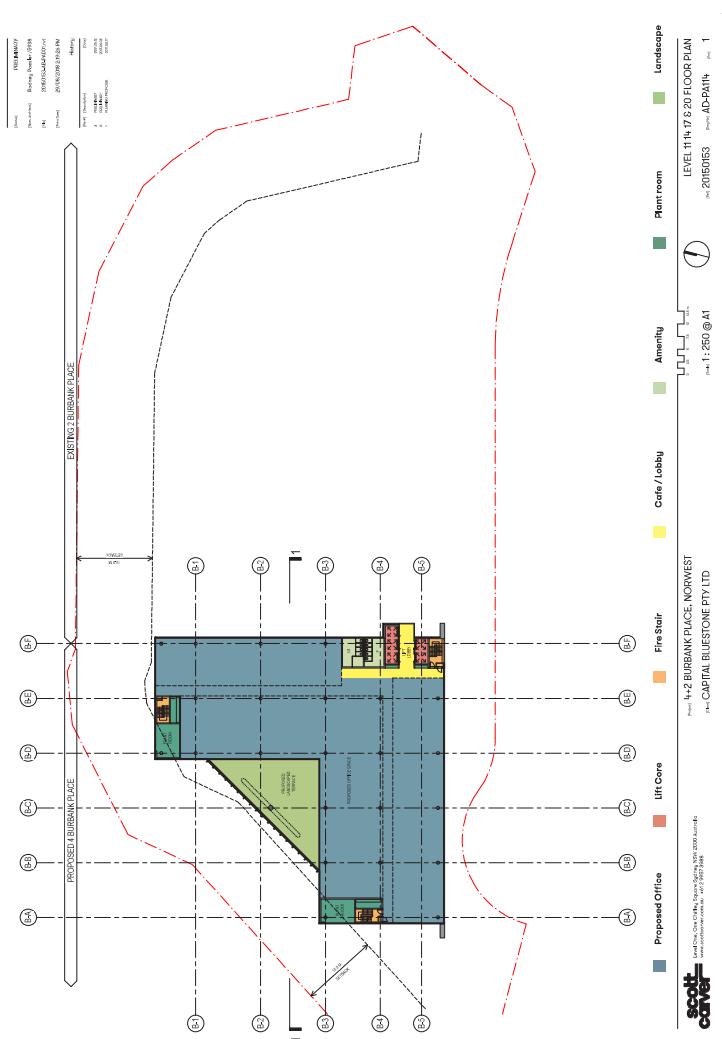
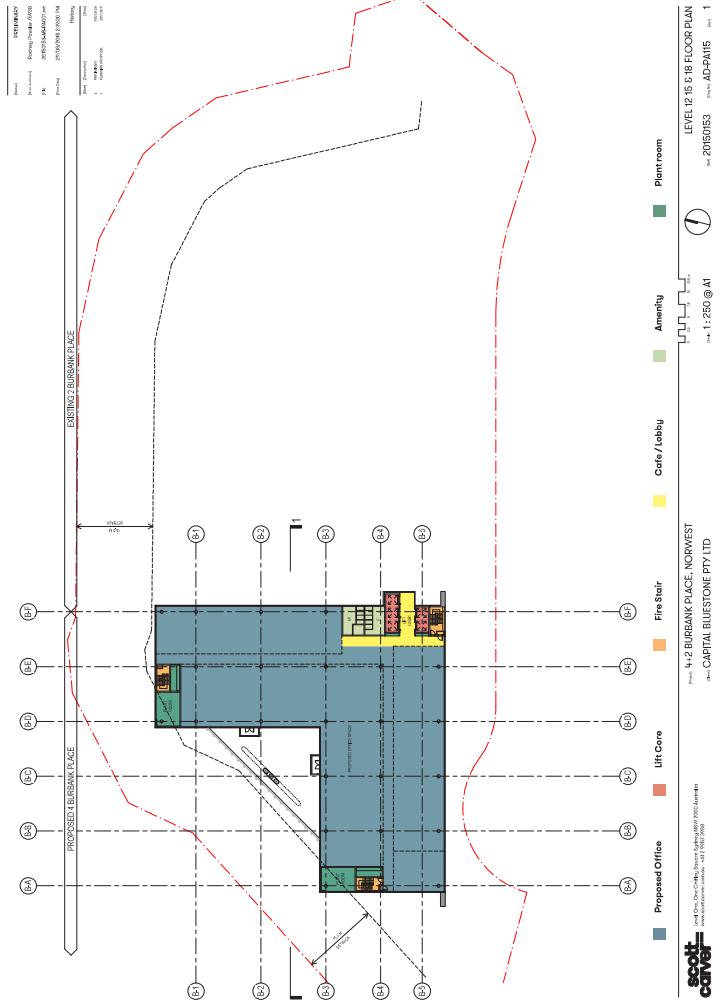
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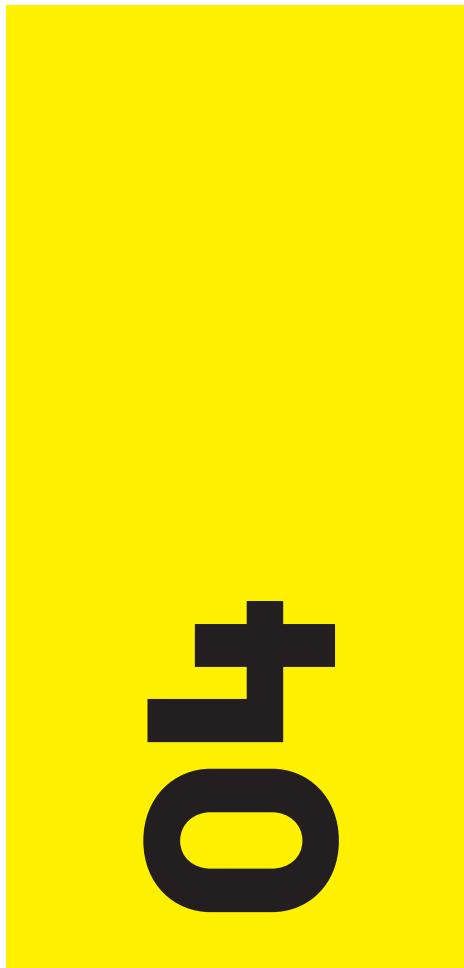








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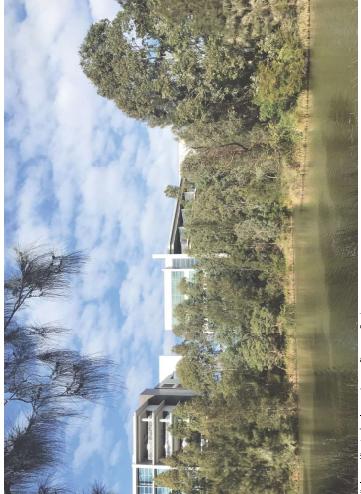


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4.0 Introduction + Context



Site Image: New development across Staggs Creek

SITE OVERVIEW

This report outlines the planning proposal that would lead to the development of a 1.2ha Block, Stage 1, Novant. This site is approximately 13.8ha² and is to be developed for commercial, retail, parking uses. This design report demonstrates the quality of the public domain, open space provisions and the impact this proposal has on an existing riparian zone.

DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION

The development has the opportunity to integrate and preserve a number of environmental features such as the existing creek and surrounding bush areas. These ecological assets ground, buffer the character of the development and provide a key connection to the local environment for walking, cycling and passive recreation. Preserving this natural asset and pedestrian connection through this proposal is essential.

4.1 Design Statement

LANDSCAPE OBJECTIVES / PRINCIPLES

- Ensure accessibility for all within a safe and secure urban domain while accommodating a range of passive recreational and social activities within the public domain.
- Enhance the appearance and amenity of the proposed mixed-use development by sensitively integrating architecture and landscape, through effective site planning and landscape design.
- Create a distinctive residential/commercial development amenable to a mix of living, staff and accessible open spaces and linkages.
- Take toward the landscape principles and urban design principles established by the Hills Shire Council Master Plan Report C12, Document 203 'Stage 1' and specific outlined in the Community Plan Working Group's specific inf.
- Establish a visually and environmentally sensitive landscape, complimenting the architectural vision and creating urban setting, while providing high quality private spaces for residents and visitors.
- Capitalise on the location of the Staggs Creek by creating an active, safe, and inviting circulation link.
- Assist the development into the surrounding urban context through the development of integrated and permeable landscapes and open space environment.
- Incorporate water sensitive urban design principles and environmentally sensitive design to create a low maintenance, environmentally sensitive landscape that has a distinct tree canopy throughout various ground-cover and espalier of form.

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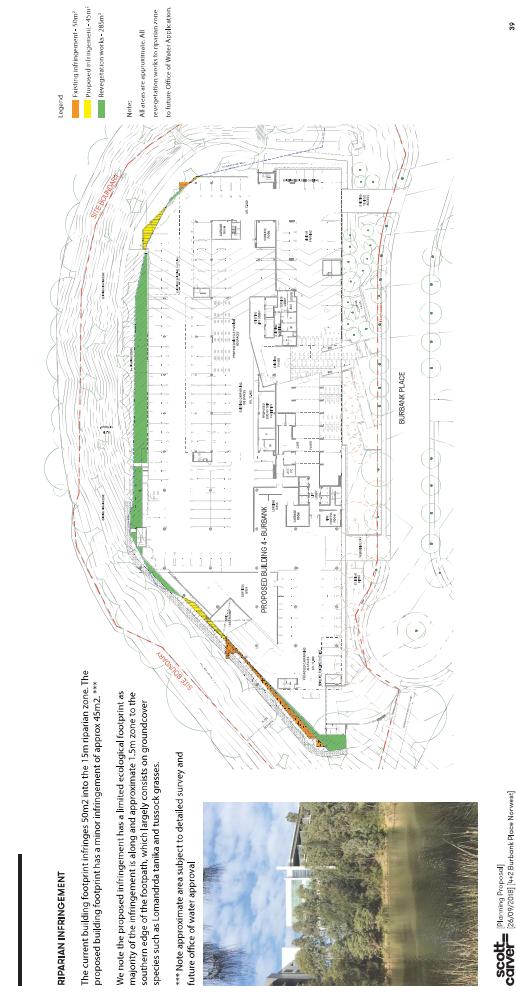
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4.3 Existing Bush land setting & Stangers Creek reserve



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4.4 Riparian Infringement



OVERVIEW / DESIGN INTENT

The design for the site incorporates the enhancement of the link to the Stangers Creek reserve and to the North of the site. Currently a decomposed granite track connects this edge connecting to a broader recreation network. This nature trail will be enhanced and made good allowing for its continued use. The objectives of the design is to reinforce the principles outlined in Cedars Creek Master Plan Report - 1 December 2013 Draft and species outlined in the Cumberland Plain Woodland species list.

OBJECTIVES

- Enhancing biodiversity and habitat
- Managing biological corridors
- Improve Public Domain Quality
- Shared pedestrian zones to site circulation
- Community access and recreation
- Education and awareness
- Aesthetics and scenic amenity

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4.5 Planting/ Materials Palette

LANDSCAPE SPECIFICS
 The plant palette used for the site should reinforce all the themes as previously discussed. The environmental theme requires that the planting palette draw from the existing local vegetation communities.
 Street trees should respond to the street hierarchy and Council's street tree list.
 Proposed plant palette will reinforce seasonal changes in particular the Spring and Autumn. It will also reflect the bushland resources and native species outlined in the **Coddies Creek Master Plan Report - 17 December 2013 DRAFT** and species outlined in the **Cumberland Plain Woodland Species List**.
 The following list reflects the signature planting for the site and has been established with reference to the **Hills Shire DCP 2012: Section C3 - Landscape**.

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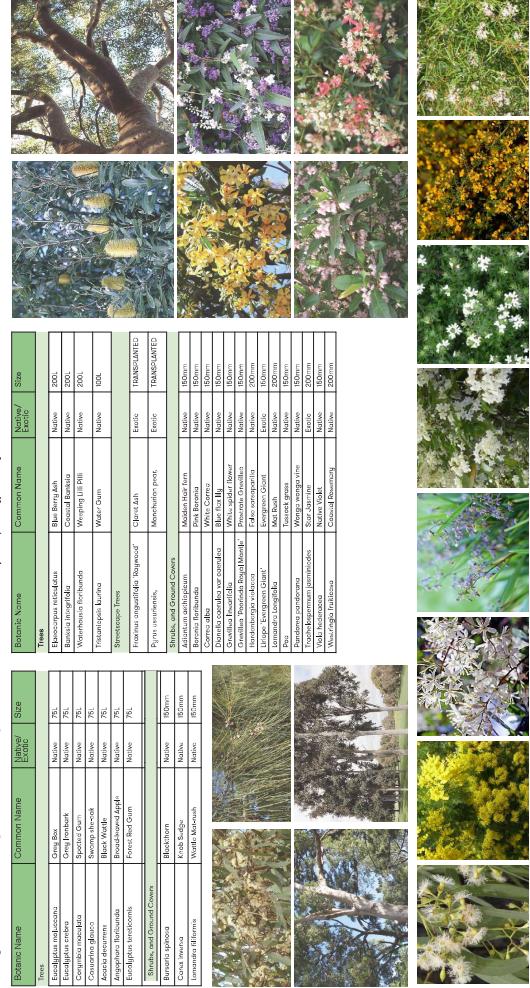
- To increase the number of indigenous species planted in Hills Shire region
- To estimate the use of noxious weeds or potentially invasive species in developments
- To use plants in such a way to foster energy efficient development that relies on passive energy principles for heating and cooling
- To reduce maintenance and water consumption through appropriate species selection
- To create buffer zones and add to existing areas of remnant vegetation with locally indigenous species.

• Improve Public Domain Quality

4.6 Indicative Planting Palette

Strangers Creek Interface [Cumberland Plain]

Common open space [private]			
Botanic Name	Common Name	Native/ Exotic	Native/ Exotic
Trees			
Eucalyptus gunnii	Gum Tree	Native	Native
Eucalyptus longicornis	Long-leaved Gum	Native	Native
Eucalyptus microcarpa	Red-flowered Gum	Native	Native
Callistemon citrinus	Singe-flower	Native	Native
Correa glabra	Swamp Correa	Native	Native
Conospermum ellipticum	Yellow Heath	Native	Native
Australian bottlebrush	Bottlebrush	Native	Native
Zygophyllum hirsutissimum	Rock-rose Apple	Native	Native
Eucalyptus tereticornis	Forest Red Gum	Native	Native
Mitchella repens	Shrubberies and Ground Covers	Native	Native
Bauhinia galpinii	Black-tie	Native	Native
Cocculus diversifolius	Kidney-vine	Native	Native
Loropetalum chinense	Wax-Maple	Native	Native
Thunbergia alata	Water-thin	Native	Native
Drimys wintera	Wintergreen	Native	Native
Grindelia laevigata	Blister Herb	Native	Native
Thlaspi arvense	White mustard	Native	Native
Grevillea robusta	Porcupine Grevillea	Native	Native
Hedysarum occidentale	California Sweet-pea	Native	Native
Leptospermum laevigatum	Smooth Tea-tree	Native	Native
Leptospermum squamulosum	Tea-tree	Native	Native
Pithecellobium unguis-cati	Tea-tree	Native	Native
Psidium guajava	Guava	Native	Native
Trophidophyllum paniculatum	Star-Apple	Native	Native
Wollemia nobilis	Wollemi Pine	Native	Native
Xanthorrhoea australis	Common Sedge-grass	Native	Native



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Shadow Analysis

Shadow Analysis Key Findings

DETAILED ANALYSIS HAS BEEN COMPLETED:

- Shadow analysis has been completed for the winter and summer solstices and the spring / autumn equinoxes.
- The analysis considered both the current permissible LIP building height of BL1600 and the proposed Building height of RL 15780

KEY FINDINGS:

- The Hill Shine DCP recommends that at least 4 hours direct solar access be achieved for residential property in open space areas between 8am and 4pm on 21 June.
- Unless they are already self-shielding, residential properties to the west of Edgewater Drive currently achieve the recommended 1-hour solar access and will continue to do so even with the proposed building height.
- In the worst-case scenario (June 21), there are no shadow impacts on 19 residential property from open space starting 10:30am. Many properties are clear of shadow from earlier.
- Due to the significant distance/separation between the proposed development and residential properties, resulting shadows will be faint-moving and have a duration of less than one hour.

In summary, the shadow analysis demonstrates that the recommended level of direct solar access for the majority of residents will continue to be achieved regardless of the proposed development over a June 21. There is minimal impact arising from the proposed increase in building height.

Shadow Analysis - Proposed & Permissible Comparison

Winter Solstice 9am



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Winter Solstice 10am



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Winter Solstice 11am



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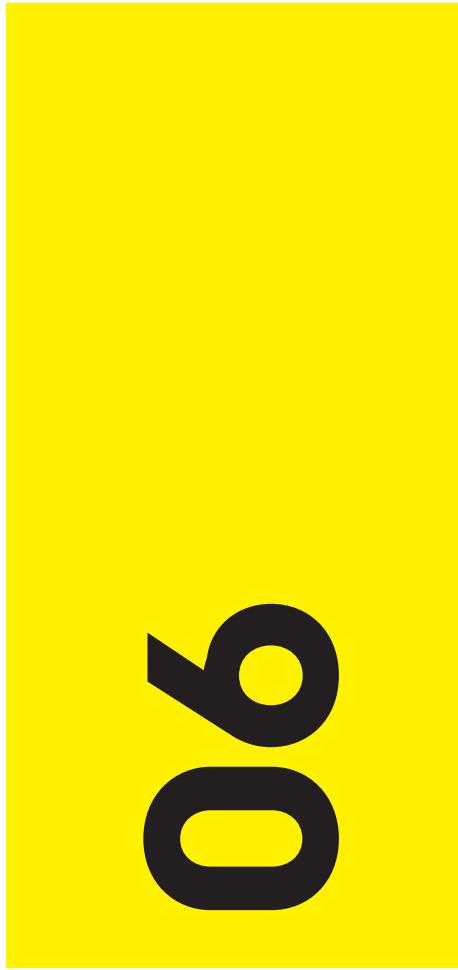
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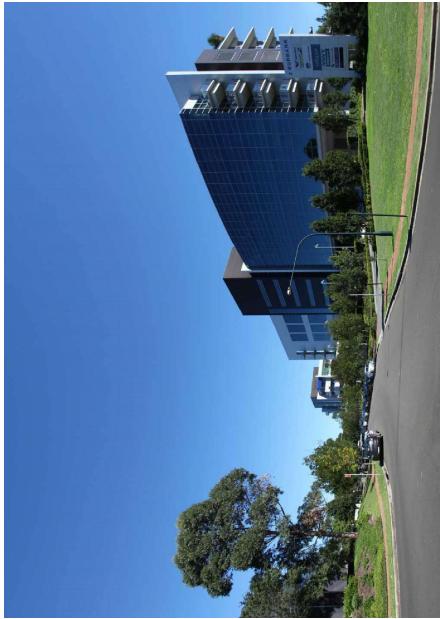
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Visualisation



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Building Perspective from Burbank Place

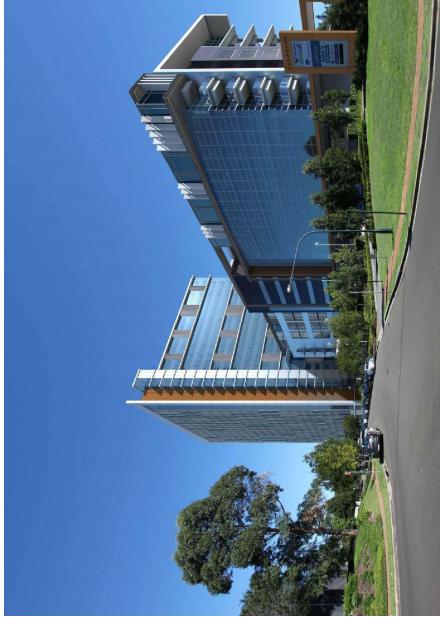


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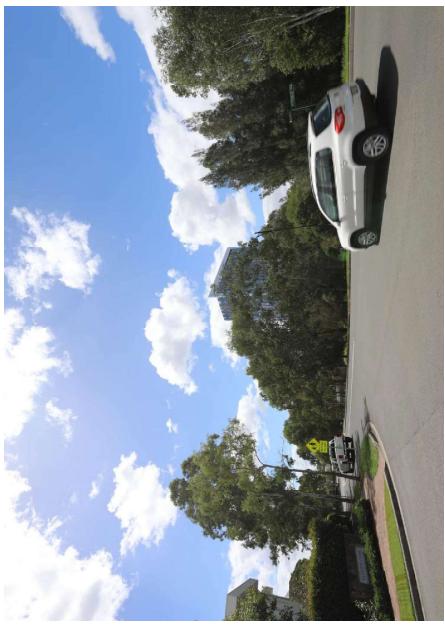
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Building Perspective from intersection of Edgewater Drive and The Pointe



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Proposed Building

Building Perspective from The Pointe looking South-East



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1 April 2019

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Attention: Kayla Atkins

Dear Kayla,

**PLANNING PROPOSAL - 2-4 BURBANK PLACE, NORWEST
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (REF: 18/2018/PLP)**

On behalf of the proponent, GU Custodian (Capital Bluestone) we submit the following information in support of the request for Planning Proposal to amend the planning controls applying to the site at 2-4 Burbank Place, Norwest.

Overview of proposal

We take this opportunity to restate the purpose of this proposal:

- The Planning Proposal has been prepared to facilitate redevelopment of this property, accommodating a commercial office building of a scale and character reflecting Council's vision for Norwest Business Park – '*reinforcing the status of the business park as a specialised centre and key employment destination*'. Supporting this position, the Hills Corridor Strategy (2015) proposes an increase in the FSR of development of the site and surrounding area.
- Having an area of 1.39 hectares, the subject site is one of the largest landholdings in single ownership in the Business Park. The property is currently developed comprising two commercial office buildings with overall GFA of 13,890m² (approximately 1:0:1). Current planning controls enable further development of the site up to 1:4:1 FSR equating to 17,420m² GFA, with a maximum building height of 116 metres. The site is clearly significantly underdeveloped having regard to its size and location in the Business Park.
- Responding to continuing market demand, Capital Bluestone is requesting a change to the planning controls enabling development on the site to achieve an overall FSR of 2:5:1 with a maximum building height of 159 metres. These changes facilitate redevelopment of the site to accommodate commercial office buildings providing 35,000m² of floor space and providing opportunities for a significant contribution toward the identified job target of 14,450 jobs for the business park. We see this outcome as entirely consistent with the Council vision for the growth and development of Norwest.

- Capital Bluestone has a long and proud track record of leading investment and development that has made Norwest such an attractive and successful business park. Capital Bluestone is presenting this proposal reflecting growing market demands from businesses wishing to be at this location and which if satisfied, creates enormous benefits for people living and working in The Hills Council area.

- Critically, redevelopment of the relatively new existing buildings on the site necessitates achieving a scale of development reflected in the proposed 2.5:1 FSR/159 metre height controls. Capital Bluestone is ready and willing to invest the \$80M required to enable this employment generating development to be achieved.

- The Planning Proposal has been submitted supported by plans and documents demonstrating that the proposed scale and character of development facilitated by the Planning Proposal aligns with Council's strategic direction, is appropriate for this site and sits comfortably with surrounding development without creating unacceptable impacts.

Submission

Having regard to the above context, we submit the following information responding to matters raised in Council's letter dated 1-February 2019.

Proposed building height

In support of the proposed building height in the Planning Proposal, we request Council consider the following:

- The site is in an area of high accessibility by all modes of transport – the site is ideally located well within 800m (and an easy 10 minute walk) of key transport, retail, community and associated activities – it is not a 'fringe' location.
 - Norwest Business Park is already characterised by buildings in the order of 20 storeys, effectively with landscape and lake-side settings, with residential development surrounding. The intended development outcome and building height is consistent with the building character and scale which already exists in the area.
 - The site is physical separated from residential dwellings by virtue of both distance and existence of the lake environment with associated landscape.
 - Detailed analysis of solar access for the surrounding residential area has been completed, confirming that any impacts on solar access are minimal and all established benchmarks for solar access will continue to be achieved.
- We submit the proposed building height is appropriate for this site and context
- FSR

In support of the proposed FSR, we request Council consider the following:

- An increase in the FSR to 2.5:1 is entirely consistent with Council's vision and the direction established in the Hills Corridor Strategy, with Norwest specifically planned to become the largest employment centre for North West.
- The identified employment FSR in the Corridor Strategy is for a **minimum** of 2:1.
- FSR increases to 2.5:1 and above are entirely consistent with orderly and properly planning for business park environments supported by excellent access to public transport.

- There are demonstrated limited traffic and other amenity impacts arising from the proposal, even at an FSR of 2.5:1. The site benefits from clear separation from residential areas by virtue of distances and Strangers Lake.
- An incremental increase in FSR, such as 2:1 would not facilitate the effective redevelopment of the site – thereby failing to achieve the desired strategic objectives for Norwest.
- In the context of the expressed desire of Council for the growth and development of Norwest, we submit the proposed FSR is entirely appropriate for this opportunity site.

Transport infrastructure provision

- Having regard to concerns about traffic impacts arising from the Planning Proposal, we submit the following information for Council consideration:
- A comprehensive Traffic Impact Assessment and associated proposed 'green travel plan' were provided supporting the Planning Proposal documentation. This provided a holistic overview of the impacts of the proposal, concluding that potential traffic impacts are not a material constraint to the proposal noting the following:

- The proposed development will only marginally affect the level of service of all major approach roads to the site.
- The section of Solent Circuit between Norwest Boulevard and Inglenook Place would operate at a level of service 'B' or better.
- The section of Norwest Boulevard between Windsor Road and Columbia Place would operate at level of service 'C'. All other roads would continue to operate at their current levels of services.
- The proposed development would not affect the current operation of the intersections of Norwest Boulevard with Windsor Road and of Solent Circuit with Fairway Drive.
- The provision of traffic signals at the intersections of Norwest Boulevard with Solent Circuit/Reston Grange will ensure significant capacity to ensure a suitable level of service and cater for future expected growth.
- Having regard to Council comments, additional traffic impact analysis has been completed considering the cumulative impacts arising from this proposal along with the other known projects that are various stages in the planning approvals process, including The Greens (40 Solent Circuit), The Esplanade (11-13 Solent Circuit), Eden Brae (8 Solent Circuit) and Marketown (4 Century Circuit). This analysis confirms that the roundabout located at the intersection of Norwest Boulevard and Solent Circuit is the primary transport infrastructure consideration relevant to this proposal.

- The table below summarises the operational characteristics of the roundabout resulting from this Planning Proposal and the other proposed developments.

Table 2: Operational Characteristics of Roundabout

Scenario	AM Peak			PM Peak		
	Delay	LoS	Delay	LoS	Delay	LoS
Existing Roundabout						
Existing Traffic Condition	29.9	C	26.6	B		
+ Burbank Redevelopment only	40.1	C	34.1	C		
+ All other developments	151	F	74	F		

This assessment demonstrates that the Planning Proposal itself does not alter the level of service of the roundabout to an unacceptable level. However the modelling confirms the intersection falls below acceptable level of services when the cumulate effect of the proposal with other proposals are considered. The conclusion drawn from this modelling is that replacement of the roundabout with traffic signals will be required regardless of the Burbank Place Planning Proposal.

Council plans recognise the need for this intersection to be upgraded. Modelling of the upgraded intersection with traffic signals has been undertaken having regard to the cumulative impact of this is Planning Proposal and other known projects – see below:

- This modelling demonstrates that the installation of traffic signals at Northwest Boulevard and Solent Circuit ensures that the cumulative traffic demands arising from this and other proposals will be appropriately accommodated. Clearly Council should commit to the physical installation of traffic signals at this intersection which has been allowed for in capital works programs as soon as possible.

Table 3: Operation of a Signalled Intersection of Northwest Boulevard with Solent Circuit

Scenario	AM Peak			PM Peak		
	Delay	LoS	Delay	LoS	Delay	LoS
Signals						
+ Burbank Redevelopment only	25.6	B	21.8	B		
+ All other developments	36.5	C	25.5	B		

- This modelling demonstrates that the installation of traffic signals at Northwest Boulevard and Solent Circuit ensures that the cumulative traffic demands arising from this and other proposals will be appropriately accommodated. Clearly Council should commit to the physical installation of traffic signals at this intersection which has been allowed for in capital works programs as soon as possible.
- While this proposal does not in itself generate traffic demands necessitating the installation of traffic signals, the proponent is prepared to contribute a fair and reasonable contribution towards accelerating the upgrade. The amount of any contribution would be expected to form part of negotiations between the proponent and Council, following a recommendation to forward the Planning Proposal for Gateway Determination and then be subsequently advanced as a Voluntary Planning Agreement.

- In summary, we submit that the current Planning Proposal can be advanced in parallel with implementation of the planned upgrades of the Northwest Boulevard and Solent Circuit intersection.

Commercial feasibility

As requested, please find attached the preliminary financial analysis for the proposed development and for the purposes of assisting Council staff understanding of the site's existing conditions and redevelopment imperatives. Two scenarios have been established, being as follows:

- FSR of 2:1 resulting in 4.8% projected revenue
- FSR of 2.5:1 resulting in 14.9% projected revenue return.

The increased FSR of 2.5:1 is clearly required to support the redevelopment of the site.

This documentation is supported to Council staff on a **confidential basis**, recognising that the document contains information that is commercially sensitive. Should the need arise for any of this information to be included in documentation that will be publicly available, it is requested that contact is made with either Urbis and/or Capital Bluestone first to ensure that it can be provided in a suitable format for release.

SP2 zoned land

We note Council's comments in respect of the proposed approach. To be clear, the proposed approach:

- Is entirely consistent in approach to the previous planning proposals in this local area and current LEP 2012 provisions;
- Arises solely from the administrative transition from the 2005 LEP to 2012 LEP only, seeking to only re-establish the ability for floor space ratios to be calculated on the basis of a site area in entirety;
- Does not seek to facilitate any physical development on land identified for drainage purposes

It is for these reasons that the proposed approach is considered to be entirely appropriate.

Summary

We trust that this information is of assistance in Council staff consideration of the planning proposal and advancing the matter for formal consideration by Council. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me on 8233 7620. Alternatively, please do not hesitate to contact Frank Xiereb and David Read of Capital Bluestone on 8072 4700.

Yours sincerely,

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01 August 2019

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Attention: Kayla Atkins/Nicholas Carlton

Dear Michael ,

PLANNING PROPOSAL - 2-4 BURBANK PLACE, NORWEST
(REF: 18/2018/PLP)

We refer to our meeting of 28 June 2019 in respect of the above proposal, following consideration of the matter by the Local Planning Panel. On behalf of the applicant, Capital Bluestone and as discussed at the meeting, it is proposed to amend the Planning Proposal on the basis detail below however prior to amending all the documents we wish to gain an understanding as to whether, in principle, this concept will be supported by Council Staff.

Responding to issues identified by Council in the assessment report presented to the Local Planning Panel, the plans of proposed development accompanying this Planning Proposal are amended as follows:

1. The proposed maximum building height in the proposal is reduced by 5 storeys, from 20 storeys to 15 storeys.
2. The number of car parking spaces proposed to be provided on site is reduced by 325, from 1,197 to 872.

The proposed changes are illustrated on the attached amended plans prepared by Scott Carver Associates. We request that this information be considered in conjunction with information previously submitted to Council supporting this proposal related to project feasibility, traffic generation, intersection performance and the offer by the applicant to enter into negotiations for Voluntary Planning Agreement.

The following table provides a summary of key metrics associated with the amended plans of the proposed development:

Metric	Revised Scheme (plans dated July 2019)	Lodged Scheme with PP (plans dated May 2018)
FSR	2.5:1	2.5: 1
GFA	34,725sqm	34,725sqm
Number of levels	15	20
Max building height (including plant)	141.500	155.700
Car parking numbers (ratio)	872 spaces (1 per 40sqm)	1,197 spaces (1 per 29sqm)

- **New services/infrastructure available** - the site is within easy walking distance of the now operational Norwest Metro Rail Service.
 - **Departure from current DCP rates** – there is consensus that the existing DCP parking rates are outdated. Council staff have advised that the rates would be reviewed from a policy/benchmarking perspective, in parallel to but remaining separate to updated traffic modelling. A departure from the current DCP parking rates is considered appropriate.
 - **Alignment with RMS guidelines** - A rate of 1 space per 40 square metres is consistent with the RMS Guidelines for Traffic Generating Developments, in respect of office, and commercial development- unless otherwise varied by an adopted applicable alternative parking code/local plan.
 - **Alignment with Bella Vista Station Precinct** – within the business park, the finalisation of the Bella Vista Station Precinct (and associated SEPP) confirm that 1 space per 40 square metres was an appropriate standard/base car parking rate.
 - **Calculated trip generation/intersection performance** - the assessments completed to date (based on 1 spaces per 29 sqm) have demonstrated satisfactory outcomes would already be achieved – as set out in our advice of 1 April 2019. A reduced number of parking spaces will reasonably result in an equal or even reduced level of trip generation.
 - **Green travel plan** – the commitment of our client to advance and implement a ‘green travel plan’ remains, both encouraging and facilitating an increased mode shift away from public transport.
- The planning proposal does not seek to alter parking rates as a development standard. The opportunity remains moving forward to establish site specific DCP provisions, if necessary, following a positive recommendation for Gateway Determination. There also remains the opportunity for Council to consider a final appropriate parking provision level as part of any future development application, relative to the applicable planning framework at that time.
- The applicant remains keen to advance the Planning Proposal in order to facilitate redevelopment of this property, accommodating a commercial office building of a scale and character reflecting Council's vision for Nonwest Business Park – ‘reinforcing the status of the business park as a specialised centre and key employment destination.

In support of the proposed amended plans, we submit as follows:

Building Height

The proposed building has been reduced by 5 storeys. We submit that this reduced building height is appropriate because:

- The site is in an area of high accessibility by all modes of transport – the site is ideally located well within 800m (and an easy 10-minute walk) of key transport, retail, community and associated activities – it is not a ‘fringe’ location.
- Nonwest Business Park is already characterised by buildings in the order of 20 storeys, effectively with landscape and lake-side settings, with residential development surrounding. The intended development outcome and building height is consistent with the building character and scale which already exists in the area.
- The site is physical separated from residential dwellings by virtue of both distance and existence of the lake environment with associated landscape.
- Detailed analysis of solar access for the surrounding residential area has been completed (and now updated further), confirming that any impacts on solar access are minimal and all established benchmarks for solar access will continue to be achieved.

Car parking

For the purposes of the Planning Proposal, the revised development scheme adopts a parking ratio of **1 space per 40 square metres**, with a corresponding reduction in the number of anticipated spaces from 1,197 spaces to 872 spaces.

It is considered that the revised parking rate/spaces is appropriate for consideration, for the reasons set out below:



We trust that this additional information, including a revised development concept scheme, aligns with Council staff expectations. We further look forward to the opportunity to discuss further shortly. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on 8233 7620.

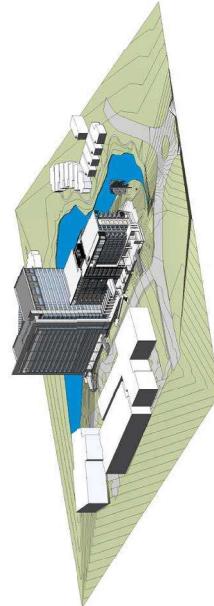
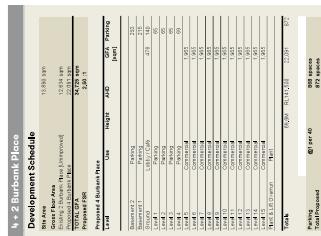
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Associate Director

Enc Updated Architectural Plan Set

Proposed Development Envelope



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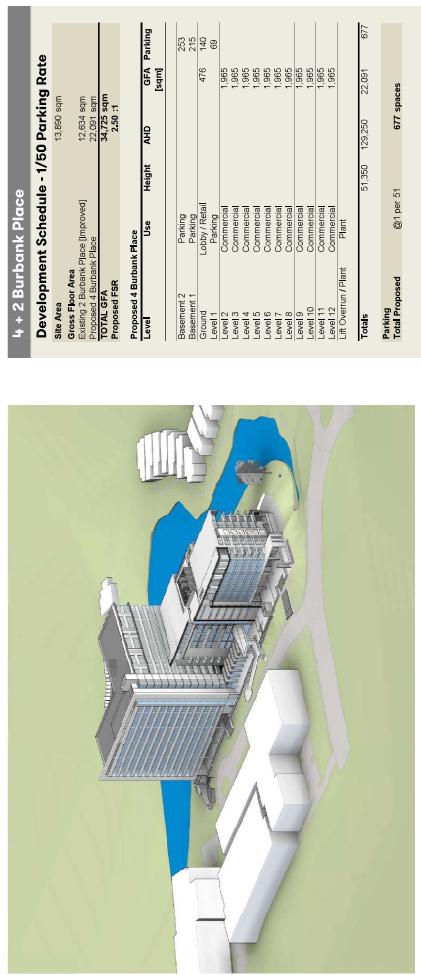


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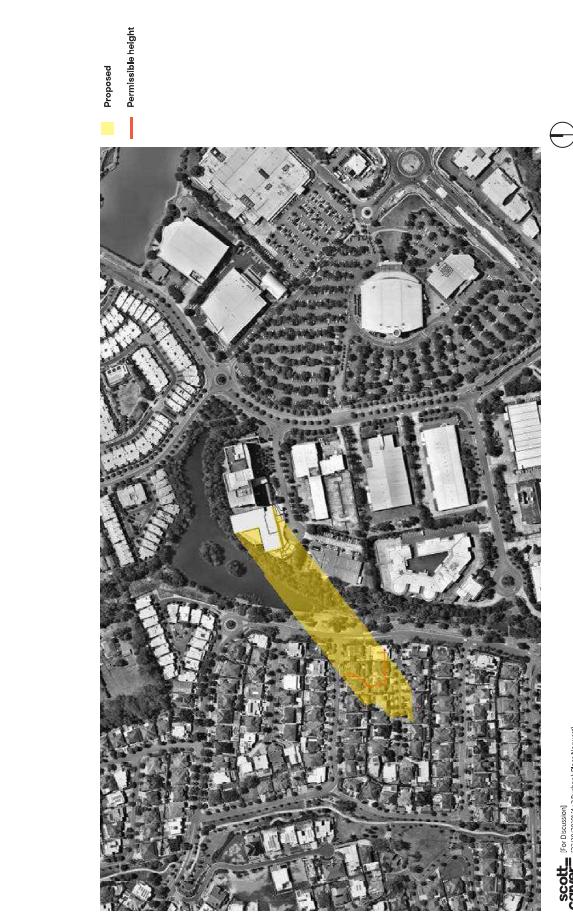


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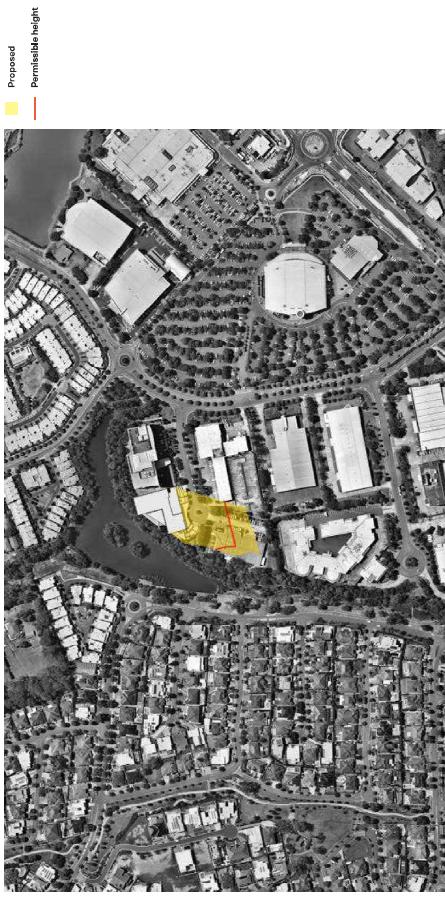
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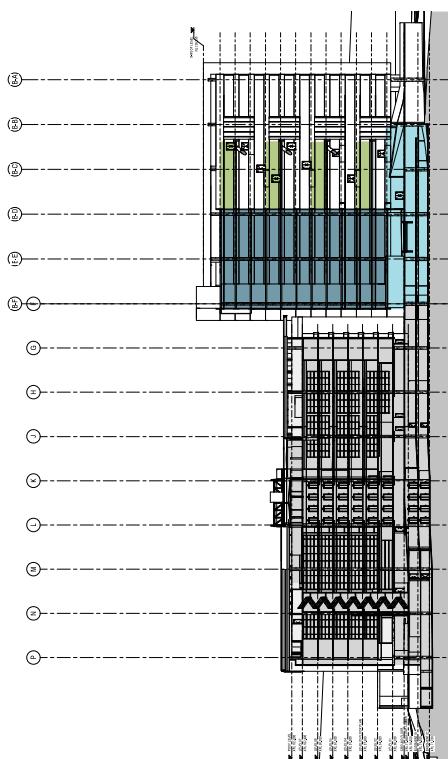
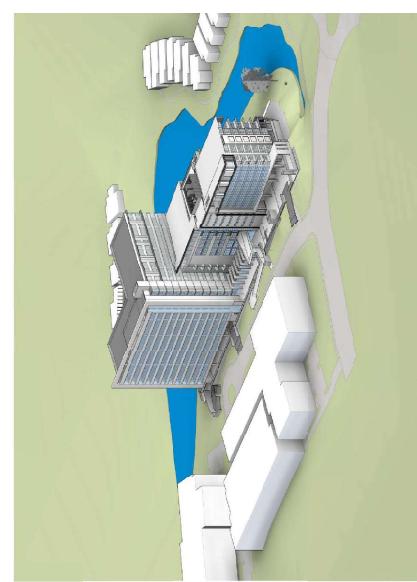
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Development Schedule - 1/60 Parking Rate				
Site Area				
Gross Floor Area				
Gross Floor Area Allocated to Building [Proposed]				
TOTAL GFA				
Proposed FSR				
Level	Use	Height	AHD	GFA [sqm]
Proposed at Burbank Place	Use			GFA [Parking]
Basement 2	Parking			253
Ground	Lobby / Retail			245
Level 1	Commercial	1.965	1.40	476
Level 2	Commercial	1.965		1.965
Level 3	Commercial	1.965		1.965
Level 4	Commercial	1.965		1.965
Level 5	Commercial	1.965		1.965
Level 6	Commercial	1.965		1.965
Level 7	Commercial	1.965		1.965
Level 8	Commercial	1.965		1.965
Level 9	Commercial	1.965		1.965
Level 10	Commercial	1.965		1.965
Level 11	Commercial / Plant	1.965		1.965
Total		43.350	126.250	22.091
Parking Total & Proposed	@ 1 per 57			608 spaces



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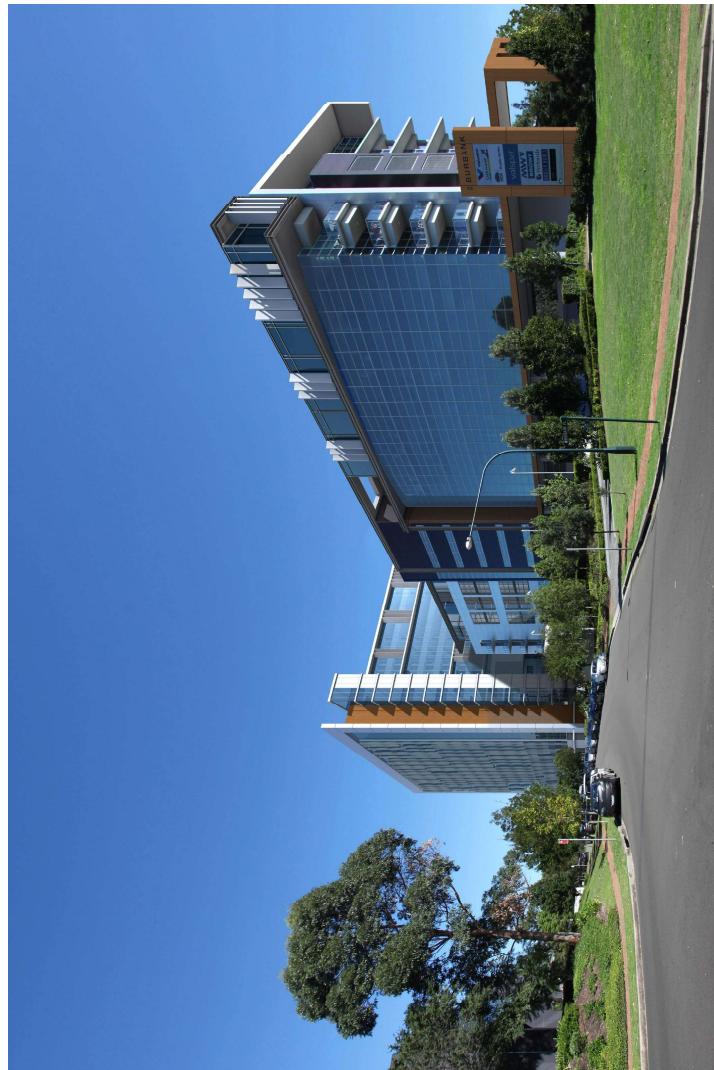
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