RIVER HEIGHTS TOURIST ACCOMMODATION KIRKWOOD ROAD TWEED HEADS

STATEMENT OF LANDSCAPE INTENT

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The proposed River Heights Tourist Park development is located in Tweed Heads South approximately 450 metres south of Terranora Creek.

The site is located on a ridge bounded by the unmade Kirkwood Road to the North, the Pacific Highway to the North-East, the suburb of River Heights to the West, Pioneer Country Function Centre to the South-west and South Tweed Heads Industrial area to the South. The South- East portion of the site includes a Wet Sclerophyll Forest and Grassland and an area of SEPP 14 Wetland. It is proposed that the development be confined to the northern section of the property, leaving the Wetland and a buffer zone untouched.

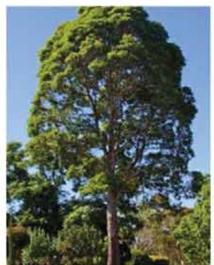


Aerial View - Google Earth



Vegetation Zones - James Warren and Associates









EXISTING VEGETATION

The existing vegetation on the site consists of six communities –

1. Tall Closed Swamp (23.43%)

 Melaleuca quinquenervia Glochidion sumatranum Acmena sp Syzygium oleosum

Ficus coronata Hypolepis muelleri Blechnum indicum Cyperus sp

Phragmites australis

2. Tall open Wet Sclerophyll (7.65%) with an area of a higher density of

- Eucalyptus pilularis Lophostemon confertus rainforest species (1.3%) Acacia disparrima

> Daviesia latifolia Elaeocarpus obovatus Tristaniopsis laurina Glochidion sumatranum

Acmena sp

Syzygium oleosum Endiandra discolor

Litsea sp

Cryptocarya triplinervis Cryptocarya foetida

3. Tall closed Wet Sclerophyll (10.2%) Eucalyptus pilularis

Corymbia intermedia Lophostemon confertus Acacia aulacocarpa Daviesia latifolia Dodonea visicosa

Mid High mixed regrowth (16.27%)

 Acacia fimbriata Macaranga tanarius Acacia melanoxylon Corymbia intermedia Lophostemon confertus Casuarina glauca

5. Low Closed Forest (8.56%)

 Melaleuca quinquinervia Casuarina glauca

Grassland+scattered trees(32.57%) -

Introduced grasses Cupaniopsis anacardioides

Ficus virens Eucalyptus spp

Of these 2, 3, 4, and 6 are found within the proposed development area, the greater portion being grassland...

Concept

The landscape concept is to showcase the plant species endemic to the site, using them in a way which complements the functions of a Tourist Park, creating a landscape which connects with the history of the land and reflects the local vegetation character. It is proposed that the majority of the plant species used in the proposal will be endemic to the site. These will be supplemented with local native species and cultivars of native species.

Design

The functional requirements of the development are woven around this concept.

The landscaping will:

- Complement the architectural design of the building and co-ordinate with the building design elements;
- Provide way finding throughout the park, with different tree species identifying the internal roadways;
- Provide privacy between the units and between the private outdoor open spaces;
- Include spaces of various scales to provide opportunities for both passive and active recreational activities
- Incorporate a resort style swimming pool with entertainment facilities to suit large and small groups

Communal Facilities

Adjacent the vehicular entry to the site a Communal Facilities building with adjoining resort style swimming pool and BBQ Pavilion services new arrivals and provides recreational facilities for holiday makers staying at the Park. To the north of the Building the covered verandah opens on to a large lawn area suitable for large groups to gather or for al-fresco dining. This area also provides spill out space for the BBQ Pavilion adjacent. The northern wall of the BBQ Pavilion extends along the end of the Pool Terrace providing acoustic buffering between the recreational facilities and the Pacific Motorway to the north.

Three pools provide a range of recreational experiences – The Lap Pool with ramped access for active swimming, with adjoining sun terrace; a wading pool 600mm to 900mm deep into which a waterfall circulates through the filtration system; and a children's play pool 300mm to 600mm deep with a seating area adjacent for parental supervision.

Landscaped Terraces

Distributed throughout the site are a number of landscaped terraces providing open recreational areas to the surrounding accommodation. The first of these is directly in front of the entry road incorporating a children's playground with swings, slides and climbing equipment. To the east of this are two further large landscaped terraces overlooking the eastern escarpment. The largest has a picnic shelter and BBQs with picnic table settings for the enjoyment of holiday makers and residents. Walkways meander through the gardens linking with the footpath system throughout the development. These garden terraces are readily accessible from the surrounding units whilst being landscaped in such a way as to discourage direct access from the play equipment to the roadways, with low dense planting along the edges to restrict access whilst allowing oversight.

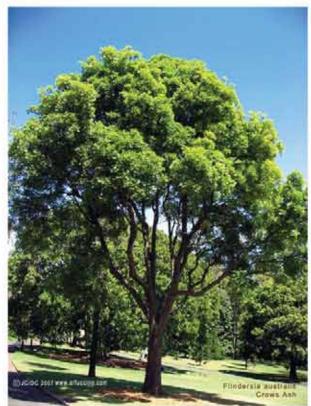
Street Trees

Brachychiton acerifolius is proposed as the iconic feature planting around the perimeter of the Tourist Park and to the entry road, with street planting of Cupaniopsis anacardioides, Jagera pseudhorus, Mallotus philippensis, Elaeocarpus obovatus and Flindersia australis to internal roadways and rear yards.

Edges

The batters surrounding development will be excavated into the medium to strong argillite rock encountered in the Geotechnical testing at the depths required to construct the extension Kirkwood Road. It is proposed that the toe and top of these batters be planted with rainforest species from Plant Community 2, to comply with the requirements of State and Local legislation in relation to Bushfire prevention. Where possible, it is proposed that rainforest trees, groundcover and shrubs species from Community 2 be planted into soil pockets in the rock batters. Trees would be planted a minimum spacing of 16 metres in accordance with AS 3959 and NSW Rural Fire Service Standards for Asset Protection Zones. The bio retention basins to the east and wets sides of the development will be planted with tree, rush and sedge species endemic to the adjacent wetlands.







Materials

Surface finishes will be of high quality. Materials will include tiling, pavers, exposed aggregate, and stone.

Landscape walls, water features and furniture will be in keeping with the architecture of the building creating a contemporary landscape. Planting to the top and toe of the perimeter batters, will soften the edges and provide visual separation between the facilities and the surrounding area.

The plant species will be from a sub-tropical palette incorporating species endemic to the site and the local region. Refer to the following section for the proposed plant palette.

ESD initiatives

The landscaping will incorporate ESD initiatives to recycle water and make use of rainwater:

- The automatic irrigation systems will utilise collected rainwater and pool backwash water, stored in rainwater storage tanks adjacent each mobile home unit and the Communal Facilities building.
- The Swimming Pools will be topped up using collected rainwater.

Bushfire Management

The impact of fire will be minimised by the use of strategies as recommended by the New South Wales Rural Fire Service Standards for Asset Protection Zones:

- Asset Protection Zones will be cleared of weeds and non-rainforest species, and revegetated with rainforest species found in Plant Community 2, adjacent to the Outer Asset Protection Zone.
- Tree species for revegetation of the Asset Protection Zones will be selected from Rainforest species with smooth bark and low volatile oil content.
- Trees will be protected from the spread of fire by the removal of low branches to a height of 2m.
- Trees used in the revegetation of the Asset Protection Zones will be planted at a minimum spacing of 23 metres to the Outer Protection Zone and 16 metres to the Inner Protection Zone.
- The maximum tree canopy coverage to the Outer Protection Zone will be 30%, and 15% to the Inner Protection Zone.
- Maintenance paths will be created through the Asset Protection Zones to facilitate access to the batters for removal of weeds and ground fuel materials.
- Gardens within the inner protection zone will be mulched with non-flammable material such as gravel.
- · Fencing and Retaining structures will be constructed from non-combustible materials.
- Grassed areas will be maintained at a height of < 100mm.
- Ground fuel loads will be removed at the start of each bushfire season as nominated by the New South Wales Fire
 Commissioner and as necessary during the fire season by raking and hand removal. Ground fuel loads to be maintained
 continuously below 2cm depth. This will be carried out by the Tourist Park landscape maintenance staff and/or
 contractors. Anticipated numbers of landscape maintenance staff to be employed by the Tourist Park to maintain asset
 protection zones 4-5.

ASSET PROTECTION ZONE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

ACTIVETY	INTERVALS	CONSTRUCTION PERIOD	ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD	POST ESTABLISHMENT PERIOD	PROCEDURE
CLEAR DRAINS	AFTER RAINFALL APPROX 15 PER ANNUM	✓	✓	✓	COLLECT DEBRIS AND DELIVER TO RECYCLING CENTRE OR TIP FACLITY
GROUND FUEL REMOVAL	AT THE START OF THE BUSHFIRE SEASON AND AS NECESSARY DURING THE FIRE SEASON VARYING ACCORDING TO RAINFALL	✓	✓	✓	RAKING AND HAND REMOVAL COLLECT LEAF AND BRANCH LITTER AND DELIVER TO RECYCLING CENTRE OR TIP FACLITY
LITTER COLLECTION	FORTNIGHTLY	✓	✓	✓	COLLECT DEBRIS USING HAND HELD PICK UP DEVICE DELIVER TO RECYCLING CENTRE OR TIP FACLITY
PLANT REPLACEMENT	RESPONSE TIME 10 DAYS		✓	INNER PROTECTION ZONE ALONG ROADWAY	REPLACE DEAD PLANTS WITH SIMILAR SIZE STOCK OF SAME SPECIES
PLANT CARE	RESPONSE TIME 10 DAYS		✓	INNER PROTECTION ZONE ALONG ROADWAY	PRUNE DAMAGED BRANCHES TO AS 4373 TREAT FUNGAL INFECTIONS USING PROPETORY FUNGICIDE
TURF MAINTENANCE	IF REQUIRED RESPONSE TIME 20 DAYS		✓	INNER PROTECTION ZONE ALONG ROADWAY	REPLACE BARE AREAS TOPDRESS SUNKEN AREAS WITH TOPSOIL TO AS441 CHECK FOR WEED/DISEASE INFESTATION TREAT INFESTATIONS USING PROPETORY INSECTICIDE/FUNGICIDE
MOWING	VARYING ACCORDING TO SEASON	✓	✓	INNER PROTECTION ZONE ALONG ROADWAY	MAINTAIN AT A HEIGHT OF 25-75mm TRIM ALONG EDGES
WATERING	VARYING ACCORDING TO SEASON	✓	✓	INNER PROTECTION ZONE ALONG ROADWAY	WATER EQUAIVALENT TO 35mm PER WEEK INCLUDING RAINFALL WEEKS 1-2 DAILY WEEKS 3-4 ALTERNATE DAYS WEEKS 5-8 TWICE WEEKLY WEEKS 9-12 WEEKLY WEEK13 ON FORTNIGHTLY
WEEDING	AS REQUIRED		✓	✓	TREAT INFESTATIONS USING PROPETORY HERBICIDE
SIGNAGEMAINTENANCE	INSPECT 20 TIMES PER ANNUM IF REQUIRED		✓	✓	REPAIR, CLEAN AND REPAINT TO MATCH ORIGINAL

LANDSCAPE RECREATION OPPORTUNITES

The landscape is designed to be flexible for large and small groups, families and individuals. The variety and number of spaces and facilities will enable the landscape to accommodate a large number of people simultaneously. An estimate of the numbers of guests catered for within each space follows, assessed against the predicted population of the development.

Maximum population

On the basis of 1.5 people for each 1 bedroom apartment and 2.5 people for each 2 bedroom apartment the expected population of the site at maximum capacity would be 642 people.

Туре	Quantity	People per Apartment	Total
1 x bed apartments	191	1.5	286.5
2 x bed apartments	164	2.5	410
Total	355		696.5
Total (assumed) popul	696		
80% occupancy	557		
1/3 of these using the fa	186		

Assumed occupancy

These figures have been based on an assumed occupancy of 80%. Therefore the population on site at any one time would be approximately 557 people. It is further assumed that no more than one third of these people would be using the landscaped areas at any one time, the others being off site in the greater Tweed region or within the units. The number of people against whom the facilities must be assessed is therefore 186.

LANDSCAPE RECREATION PROVISIONS

1. Communal Facilities

BBQ Facilities with covered dining area. Adjoining the BBQ facilities will be open lawned area with tables and chairs for informal dining.

Resort style swimming pool incorporating a Lap Pool with ramped access a Wading Pool and a Play Pool of different depths to accommodate adults and children of varying ages. Adjoining terraces for sunbathing and casual social interaction allowing parental supervision of children.

2. Garden Terraces

Garden Terraces of varying sizes. The central garden will be planted with an advanced Moreton Bay Fig and have a children's playground. The large island garden to the east will have a Picnic Shelter and BBQ Facilities. Other garden terraces will have seating and static exercise equipment forming a circuit around the Tourist Park.

3. Walking Trails

Existing tracks between the SEPP 15 setback and the development will be upgraded - weed removal and grading of the surface where necessary, with interpretive signage placed at locations of interest, eg. Tree and plant species, animal habitats etc.







Total people accommodated in landscaped areas

Facility	Function	Area	Spatial Requirements (m2)	No of people accommodated
Lap pool	lap swimming	115	4	28
Lap pool	general pool based	36.8	4	9
Terraces	recreation social interaction			
(West)	sun lounging			
Lap pool lawn area	casual outdoor social interaction	32.6	5	6
(east)	sun lounging			
70 32	events/small functions up to 30	people		
Lap Pool	general pool / exercise based	49	4	12
Terrace (east)	recreation			
ere en	Social interaction			
a	Sunlounging			
Wading Pool	general pool based recreation	48	4	12
	Organised pool games			
Play Pool	social interaction	57	4	14
- 5a	general pool based recreation			
WadingPool lawn area	casual outdoor social interaction	1 15	5	3
	sun lounging	3 4-2		'c
Lounge terrace	casual outdoor social interaction	295	5	59
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BBQ facilities	casual outdoor social interaction	1		
	outdoor dining	112	5	22
Garden Terraces	casual outdoor social interaction	n 4425	50	88.5
	exercise			
General access	casual outdoor social interaction	2451	50	49
walkways/pathways	circulation			
Children's Playground	casual outdoor social interaction	ns 65	4	16
Walking trails	casual outdoor social interaction	s 626	50	12.5
Planted batters	screening/ aesthetics	22,140	0	0
Bio-retention	stormwater treatment	3,400		0
Areas	environmental interest			
Wetland Reserve	aesthetics/views	74,595	0	0

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PROPOSED VEGETATION

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TREES/PALMS	COMMON NAME	NOTES
SPECIES		NOTES
ACMENA smithii ARCHONTOPHOENIX	Lilly Pilly	endemic to local area
cunninghamiana	Piccabean palm	endemic to site
BRACHYCHITON	Flame Tree	endemic to site
acerifolius	riaille Tree	endernic to site
CUPANIOPSIS anacardioides	Tuckeroo	endemic to site
DIPLOGLOTTS australis	Native Tamarind	endemic to local area
ELAEOCARPUS grandis	Blue Quandong	endemic to local area
ELAEOCARPUS obovatus	Hard Quandong	endemic to site
FICUS macrophylla	Moreton bay Fig	endemic to site
FLINDERSIA australis	Crow's Ash	endemic to site
GLOCHIDION sumatranum	Umbrella Cheese Tree	endemic to site
HARPULLIA pendula	Tulipwood	endemic to local area
JAGERA pseudhorus	Foambark	endemic to site
MALLOTUS discolor	Kamala	endemic to local area
MALLOTUS philipinensis	Red Kamala	endemic to site
MACARANGA tanarius	Macaranga	endemic to site
STENOCARPUS sinuatus	Firewheel Tree	endemic to local area
SYZYGIUM australe	Scrub Cherry	endemic to local area
SYZYGIUM francissii	Water Gum	endemic to local area
SYZYGIUM hemilampra	Broad Leafed Lilly Pilly	and the first of the first of the second of
SYZYGIUM leuhmannii	Riberry	endemic to local area
SYZYGIUM moorei	Coolamon	endemic to local area
SYZYGIUM oleosum	Blue Lilly Pilly	endemic to site
TOONA ciliata	Red Cedar	endemic to local area
SHRUBS/TUFTING PLANTS	Tion Oodai	ondonno to local di od
ALPINNEA caerulea	Native Ginger	endemic to local area
AUSTROMYRTUS dulcis	Midgim	endemic to local area
DORYANTHES excelsa	Gymea Lily	endemic to local area
CORDYLINE congesta	Palm Lily	endemic to site
CORDYLINE petiolaris	Broad leaved Palm Lily	
CORDYLINE rubra	Red Fruited Palm Lily	endemic to local area
CORDYLINE cv	NIGRA	sterile cultivar of Cordyline terminalis
HIBISCUS splendens	Native Hibiscus	endemic to local area
HOVEA acutifolia	Brush Hovea	endemic to site
HYMENOSPORUM flavum	Native Frangipani	endemic to site
LEPIDOZAMIA peroffskyana	Zamia	endemic to local area
PITTOSPRUM undulatum	Sweet Pittosporum	endemic to site
GROUNDCOVERS		
DIANELLA caerulea	Blue Flax Lily	endemic to local area
DIANELLA cv	BREEZE	sterile cultivar of Dianella caerulea
DICHONDRA repens	Kidney Weed	endemic to local area
LOMANDRA longifolia	Mat Rush	endemic to site
PATTERSONIA sericea	Native Iris	endemic to local area
VIOLA hederacea	Native Violet	endemic to local area
FERNS		
ASPLENIUM australisicum	Birds Nest Fern	endemic to local area
Cyathea cooperi	Soft Tree Fern	endemic to local area
VINES		
Hibbertia scandens	Twining Guinea Flower	endemic to site
Pandorea jasminoides	Scrub Wonga Vine	endemic to local area
Pandorea pandorana	Wonga Wonga Vine	endemic to local area
RUSHES/SEDGES		
Juncus sp	Common Rush	endemic to site
Cyperus sp	Sedge	endemic to site











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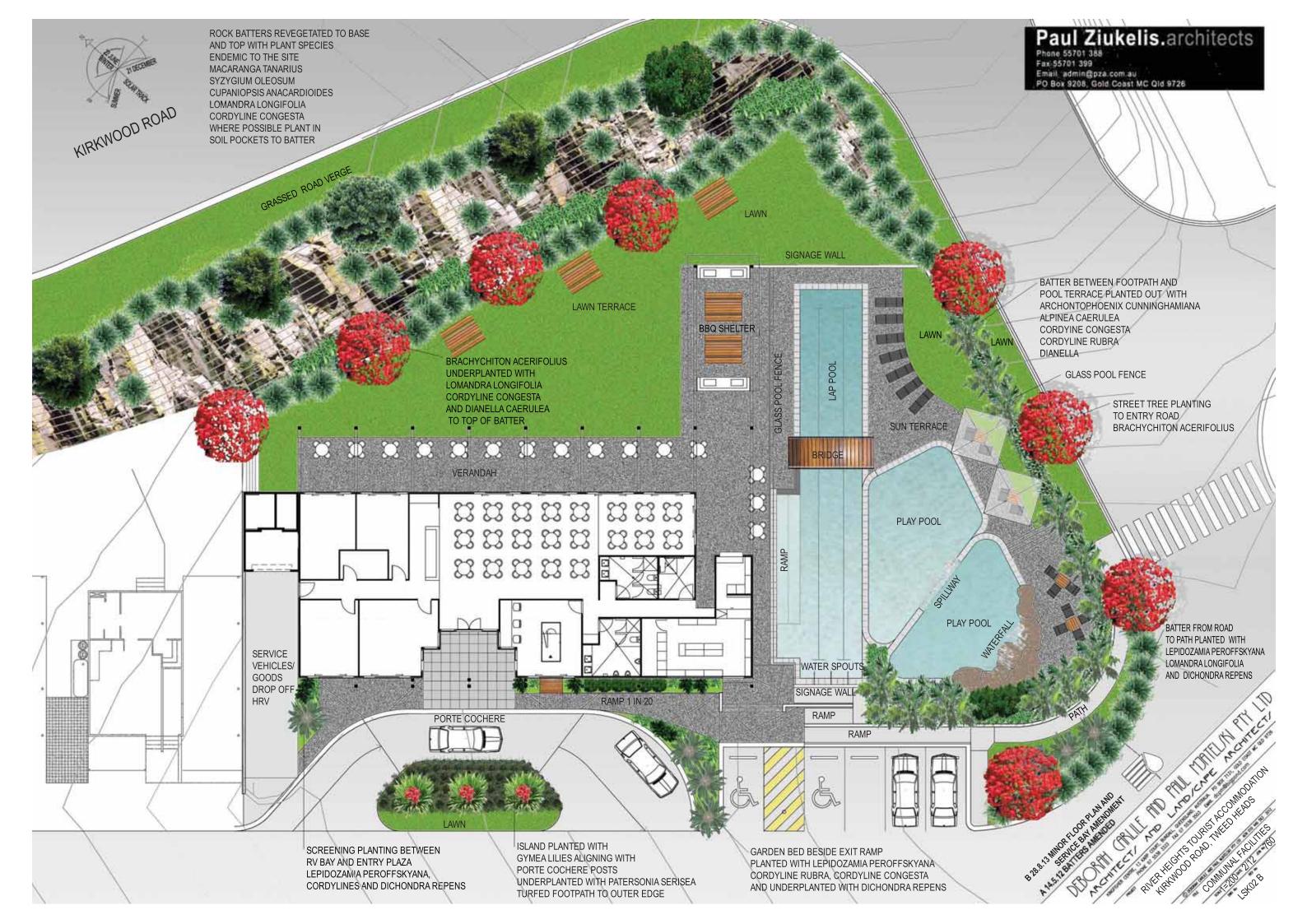
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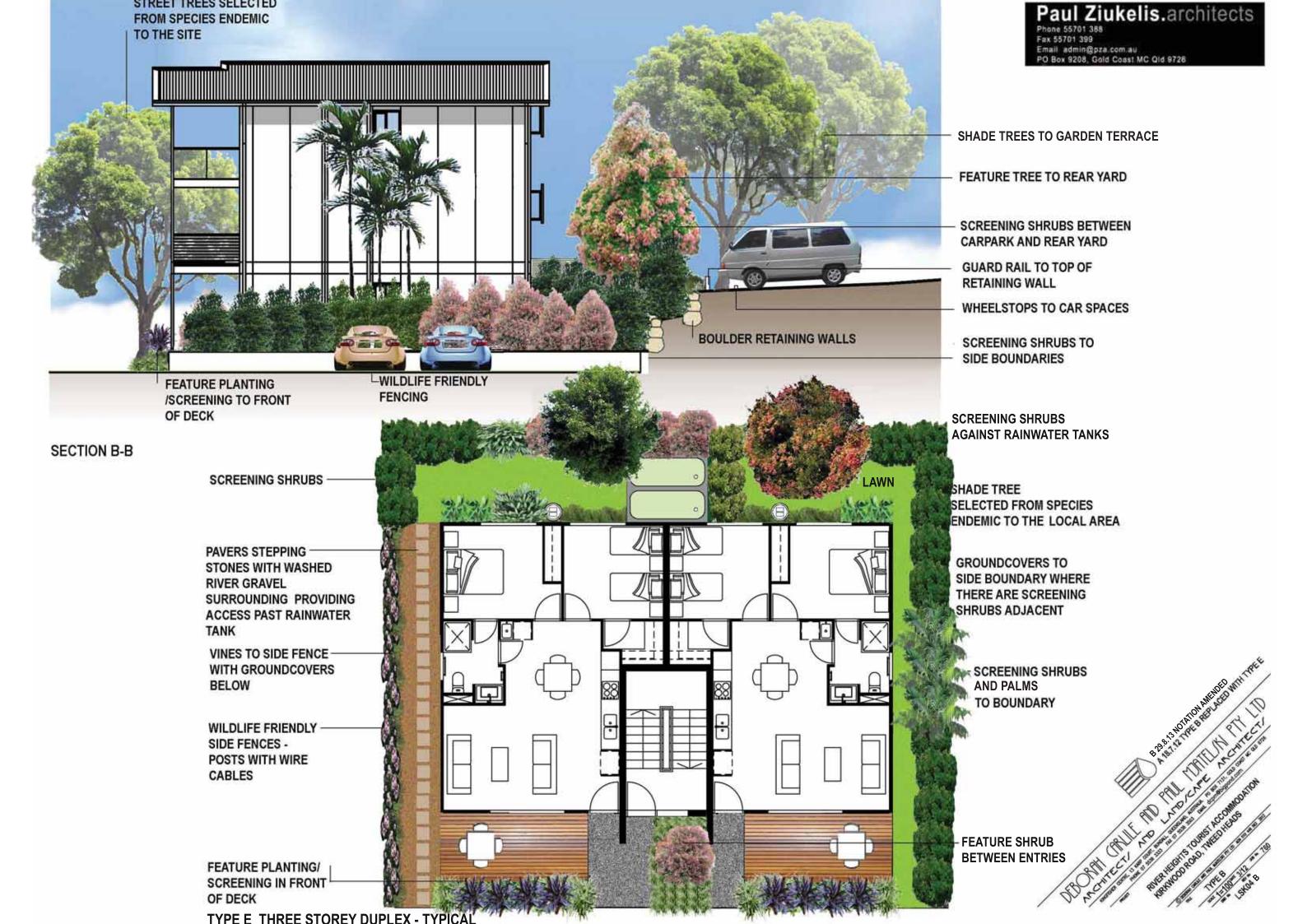
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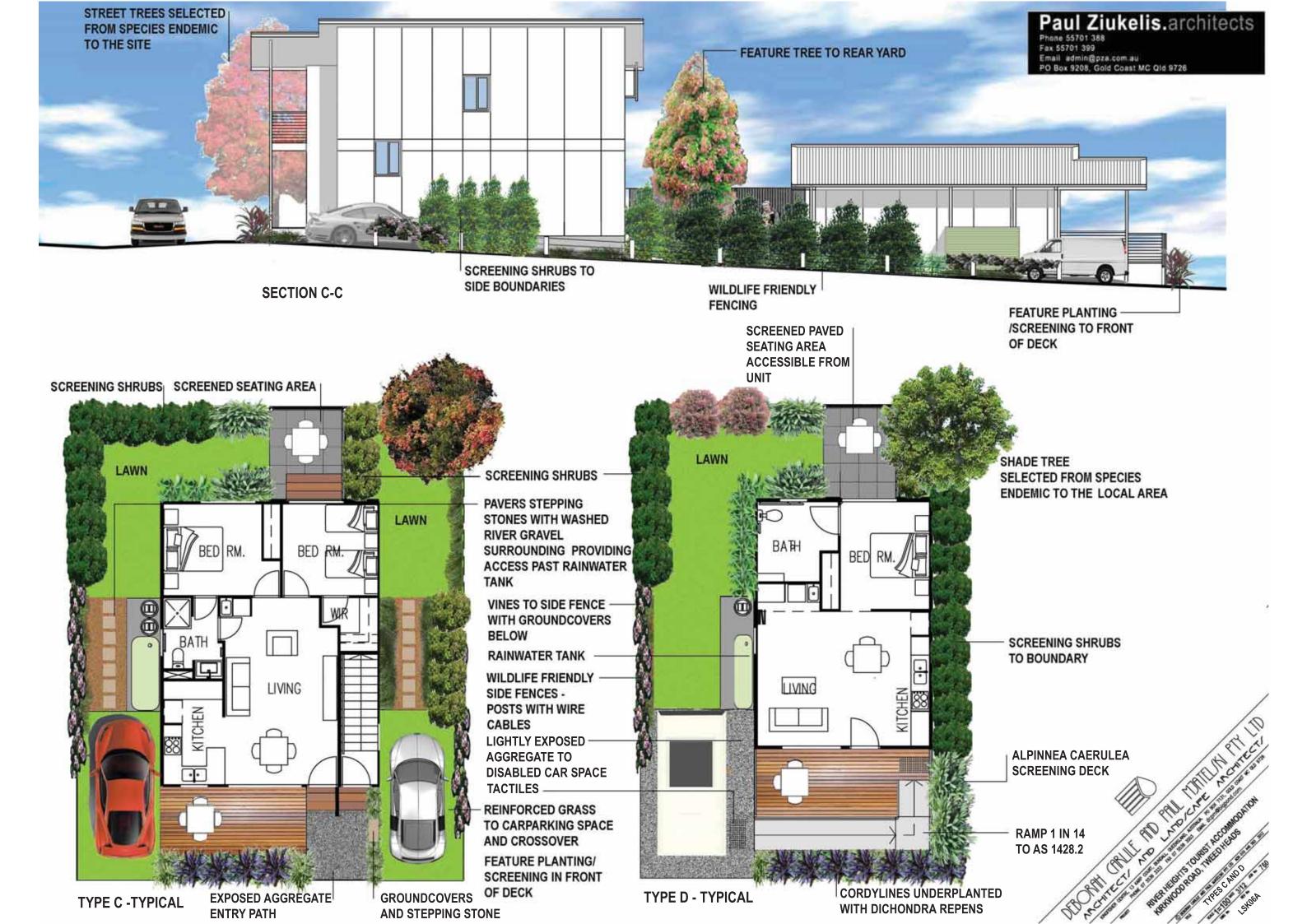


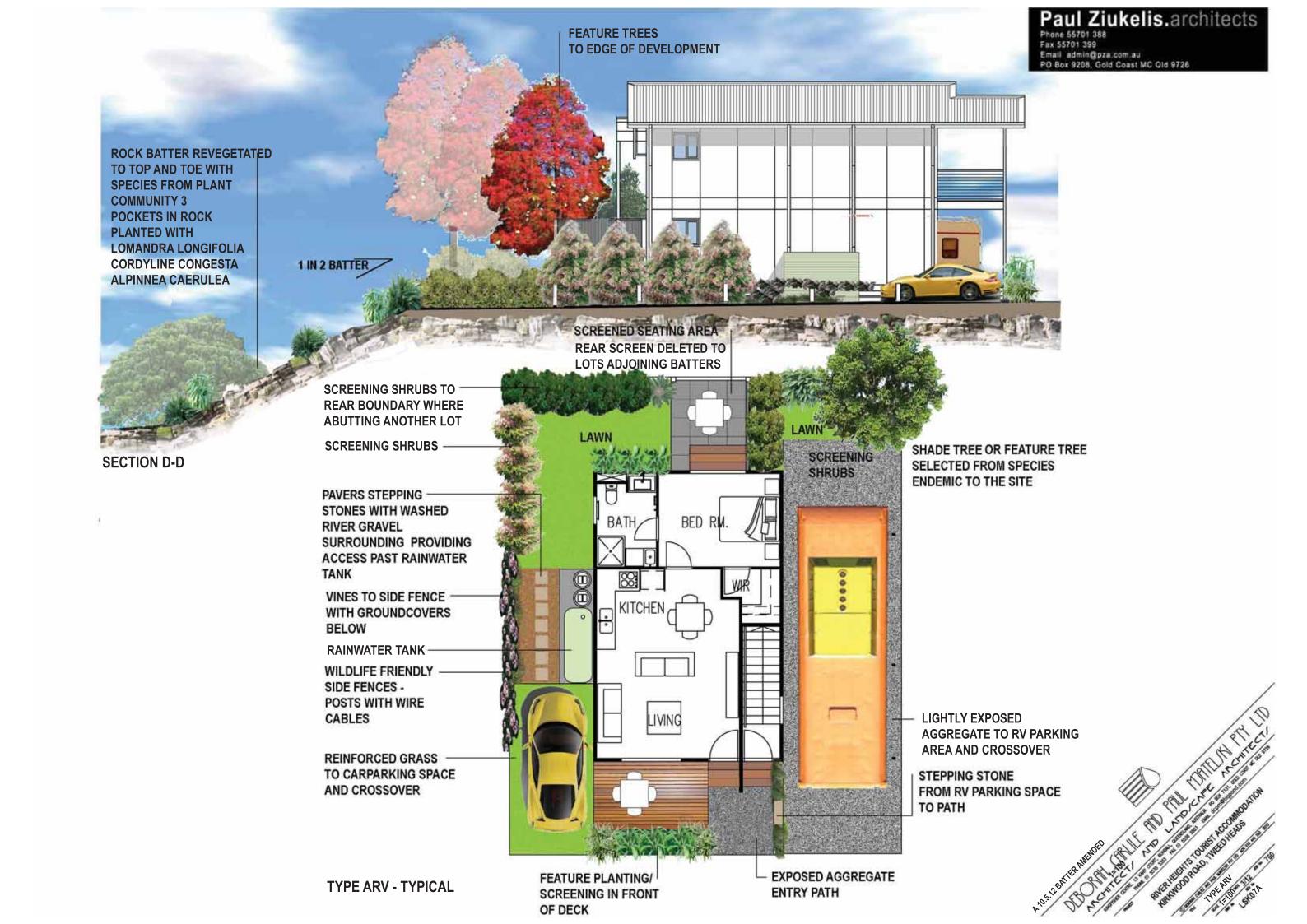
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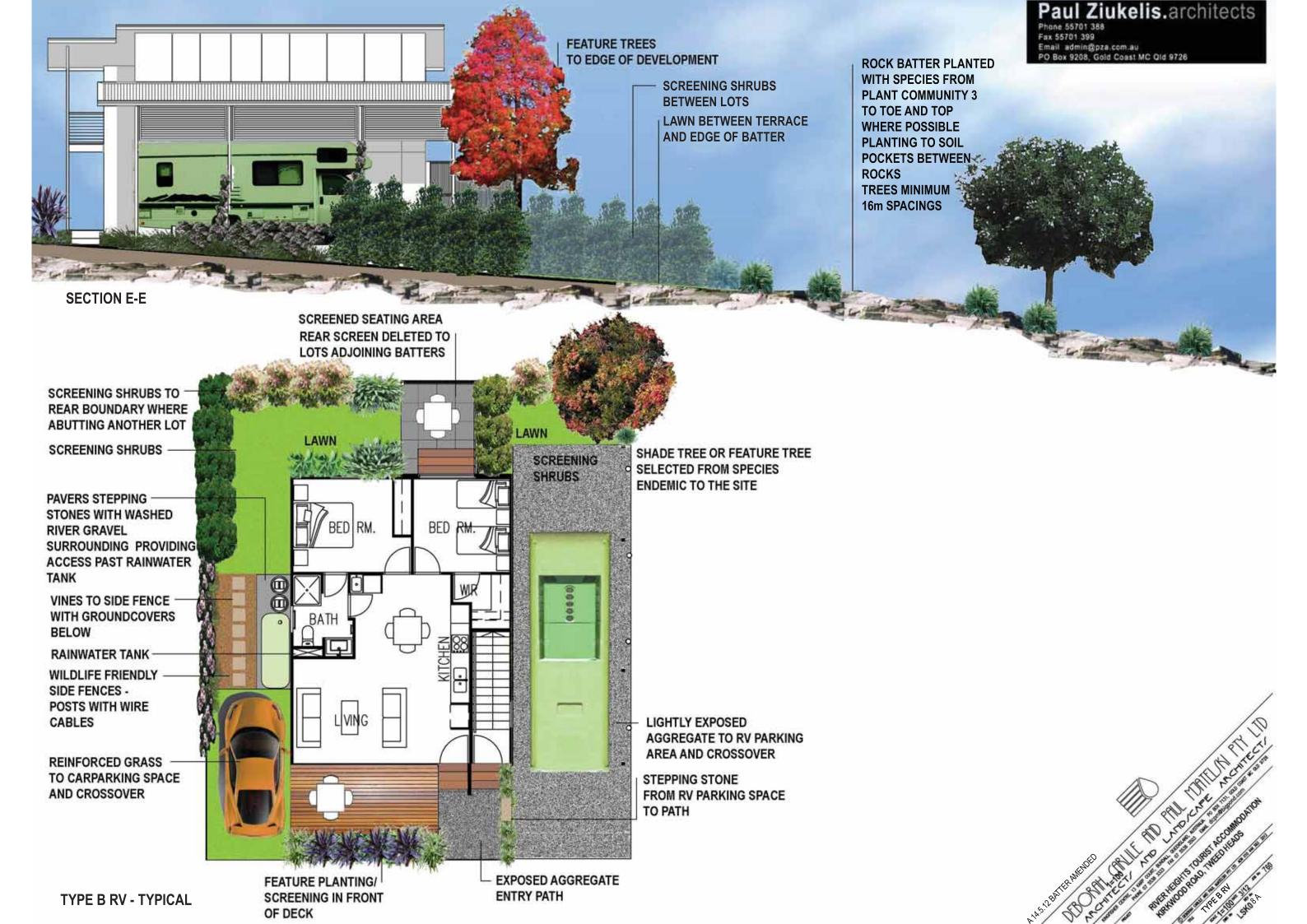
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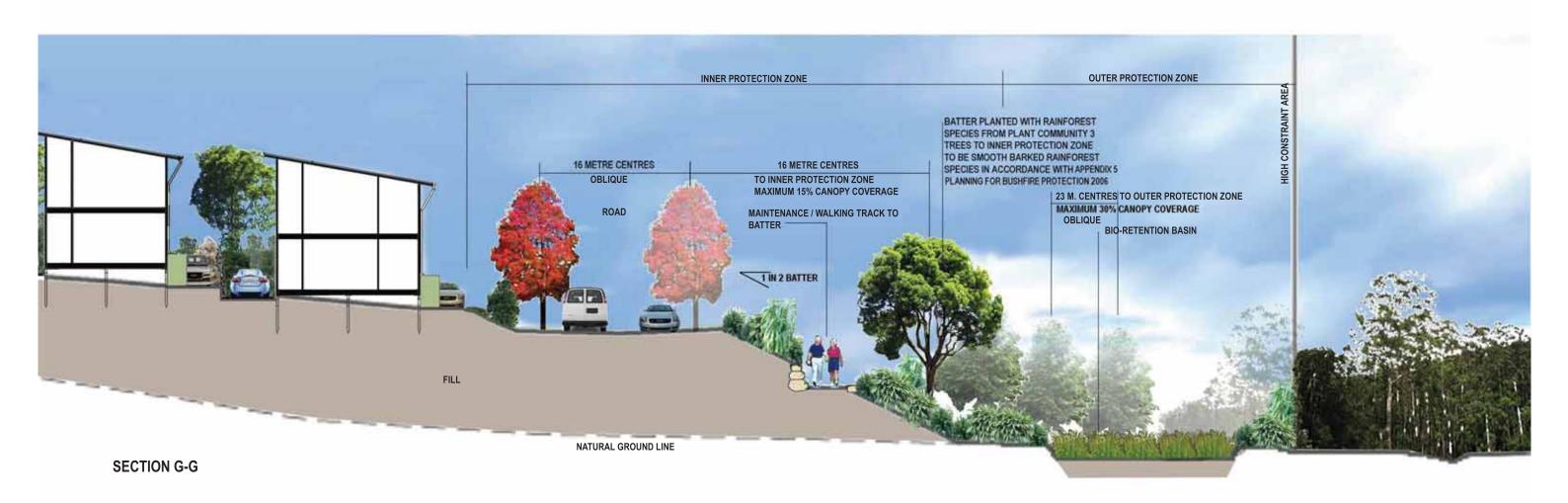




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