



SITE LOCATION

INTRODUCTION

This report discusses the landscape design philosophy for the proposed development within Precinct 1A, 100 Eton Road, Lindfield. These proposals incorporate all external spaces within the Precinct 1A development boundary and have been prepared in accordance with the Edgelea Urban Design Guidelines.

CONTEXT

This project lies in the north of the existing University of Technology Sydney Kuring Gai Campus and at present provides student and overflow parking for the University and the adjacent childcare centre.

The site is currently bordered to the east by a thin buffer of existing trees and open woodland between the development site and the Screen Australia infrastructure. The parking area broadly slopes down to the west and a series of low stone walls and battered planting areas take up the existing level changes. The broader context beyond the parking area is one of relatively undisturbed natural bushland and it is this proximity to the endemic vegetation communities that lends the site much of its character.

The landscape design and streetscape character for precinct 1A has to sit within the roading and development proposals for the rest of Precinct 1. To this end these proposals have been mindful of the likely wider open space network characteristics and their integration within a naturalistic bushland setting.

APPROACH

The key drivers of the landscape proposals are that the existing bushland character of the site is maintained and the campus themes of native planting and a strong delineation between the building interface and bushland are reinforced. Only native planting has been proposed (either endemic to the site or to Australia) in order to reduce the development's likely water consumption but also to integrate the streets and open space areas within their bushland context.

Where possible the open woodland character of the existing vegetated areas is expanded to enlarge planted buffers, incorporated into communal open space areas as a feature or alongside new development as a vegetated screen through which the buildings are viewed.



EXISTING PARKING AREAS WITH LEVELS TRANSITION



EXISTING VEGETATION BUFFER ADJACENT TO SCREEN AUSTRALIA INFRASTRUCTURE



EXISTING TREES AND LOW, SCRUBBY VEGETATION