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**Arboricultural Impact Statement and root mapping report for a *Ficus elastica* tree
adjacent to 29 Hammond Road, Toukley, New South Wales**

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1.0. Introduction

During 2 January 2026, I made a detailed investigation and root mapping for a *Ficus elastica* tree adjacent to 29 Hammond Road, Toukley, New South Wales (Figs. 1-9). The tree was inspected during sunny conditions with slight wind.

2.0. Methodology

The tree was inspected from ground level, tree heights, canopy (crown) spread and dbh (diameter at breast height), structure, health, age class, significance as well as other information such as borer and/or termite infestation using most of the features of the VTA methodology.

VTA is an internationally recognised practice in the visual assessment of trees as formulated by Mattheck & Breloer (1994). Principle explanations and illustrations are contained within the publication, *Field Guide for Visual Tree Assessment*, by Mattheck, C. and Breloer, H. *Arboricultural Journal*, 18: 1-23 (1994).

A ULE analysis (Useful Life Expectancy) was also undertaken on the tree. Trees (defined here as being usually more than 15 cm d.b.h. = diameter at breast height) were assessed as per the procedures outlined in my other tree reports (viz. Hawkeswood, 1998-2012). Trees marked with an asterisk (*) in the list below are introduced species. The condition of trees are assessed by arborists using terminology of "good", "medium" or "poor"; good = specimen in good healthy condition, not suffering from high stress, without borer damage, without major dead branches etc; poor = tree is in poor health, under high stress, sickly, with numerous dead branches, losing leaves etc.; medium = condition of tree is somewhere between the other two conditions. In addition, the ULE assessment was also applied to these trees. This is the Useful Life Expectancy which is a tree assessment procedure which gives the length of time that the arborist believes that a particular tree can be retained with an acceptable level of risk based on the information available at the time of the inspection; SULE ratings are Long (i.e. the tree is retainable for 40 years or more with an acceptable level of risk), Medium (i.e. the tree is retainable for 16-39 years), Short (i.e. the tree is retainable for 5-15 years) and Removal (i.e. the tree requires immediate removal due to imminent hazard or absolute unsuitability)(see also Appendix 2). Major branch is defined as being 5 cm or more in diameter, minor branch less than 5 cm in diameter.

3.0. Results

The following table of data was obtained (see page 4).

Table 1. Arboricultural information on the the Ficus elastica tree assessed in this report.

T no.	Species	Height (m)	Crown (m)	Health	Struct	Age class	Sig	ULE	DBH (cm)	Proposal	Notes
1	Ficus elastica (Rubber Tree)	4	7	G	P	M	L	M	150	Retain	TPZ = 18.0 metres, SRZ = 4.6 m

Key: Health & Structure: P= Poor, F= Fair, M= Medium, G= Good, Age Class, UM= Under-mature, M= Mature, OM= Over-mature; Significance: L= Low, M= Medium, H= High.

Root mapping. A 8 m long trench . 15 cm wide and up to 20 c, deep was hand dug with hand toils parallel to the boundary fence as shown in Fig. 1. Any roots from the adjacent Fig Tree, Ficus elastica (Moraceae) as noted, measured sand photographed. Three 6-7 cm roots were detected from the fig tree among with a number of very thin rootlets and numerous roots from Callistemon saligna, Erythrina and Murraya paniculata trees in the subject property. These trees have been pruned so they are presently shrub-like.

4.0. Conclusions

The predicted TPZ (Tree Protection Zone) is 18.0 metres and he SRZ (Structural Root Zone) is 4.6 m (Table 1). The tree does not appear to have reached anywhere near the predicted values for these two measurements. Most of the major roots of this tree appear to be growing towards or within the adjacent property (Fig. 1). There is a swimming pool there and as Ficus roots are attracted towards water, it appears that most roots are growing towards the pool (Fig. 1). Three medium to small roots were detected from the tree entering the subject property (Figs. 3-5, 8). Several rootlets were also detected from the surface to about 20 cm deep (Fig. 2). These roots could be carefully pruned by the arborist before construction. This species is a type of fig tree, Prunus The other shrubs in the subject property displaying lots of root growth will be removed before construction.

The design will also utilise a pier system in that corner area so that the roots may not require pruning. Piers can be placed between or away from roots.

5.0. Qualifications of the Author

BSc (Hons) in Botany majoring in Tree and Shrub Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, Plant Pathology

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I have undertaken flora and fauna and arborist reports in the Sydney Bioregion since 1997 with over 2100 reports having been completed. I have written over 2500 tree reports as stand alone documents or as part of flora and fauna reports or vegetation management plans (VMP). Over 25,000 trees have been assessed in these reports. In addition another 50,000 + trees have been examined during the course of flora and fauna studies etc. These reports in the main have been accepted without much fuss and ado by the following Councils: Cooma, Parramatta, Holroyd, Bankstown, Camden, Hornsby, Penrith, Hawkesbury, Liverpool, Blacktown, Blue Mountains and The Hills. I have also represented clients successfully against Councils in the Land & Environment Court, where my qualifications and experience have been recognized.

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Appendix 1. Tree Significance Assessment Criteria (STARS assessment matrix)

Tree Significance - Assessment Criteria		
Low	Medium	High
<p>The tree is in fair-poor condition and good or low vigour.</p> <p>The tree has form atypical of the species</p> <p>The tree is not visible or is partly visible from the surrounding properties or obstructed by other vegetation or buildings</p> <p>The tree provides a minor contribution or has a negative impact on the visual character and amenity of the local area</p> <p>The tree is a young specimen which may or may not have reached dimensions to be protected by local Tree Preservation Orders or similar protection mechanisms and can easily be replaced with a suitable specimen</p> <p>The tree's growth is severely restricted by above or below ground influences, unlikely to reach dimensions typical for the taxa in situ – tree is inappropriate to the site conditions</p> <p>The tree is listed as exempt under the provisions of the local Council Tree Preservation Order or similar protection mechanisms</p> <p>The tree has a wound or defect that has the potential to become structurally unsound.</p> <p>The tree is an environmental pest species due to its invasiveness or poisonous/allergenic properties.</p> <p>The tree is a declared noxious weed by legislation</p>	<p>The tree is in fair to good condition</p> <p>The tree has form typical or atypical of the species</p> <p>The tree is a planted locally indigenous or a common species with its taxa commonly planted in the local area</p> <p>The tree is visible from surrounding properties, although not visually prominent as partially obstructed by other vegetation or buildings when viewed from the street</p> <p>The tree provides a fair contribution to the visual character and amenity of the local area</p> <p>The tree's growth is moderately restricted by above or below ground influences, reducing its ability to reach dimensions typical for the taxa in situ</p>	<p>The tree is in good condition and good vigour</p> <p>The tree has a form typical for the species</p> <p>The tree is a remnant or is a planted locally indigenous specimen and/or is rare or uncommon in the local area or of botanical interest or of substantial age.</p> <p>The tree is listed as a heritage item, threatened species or part of an endangered ecological community or listed on councils significant tree register</p> <p>The tree is visually prominent and visible from a considerable distance when viewed from most directions within the landscape due to its size and scale and makes a positive contribution to the local amenity.</p> <p>The tree supports social and cultural sentiments or spiritual associations, reflected by the broader population or community group or has commemorative values.</p> <p>The tree's growth is unrestricted by above and below ground influences, supporting its ability to reach dimensions typical for the taxa in situ – tree is appropriate to the site conditions.</p>

Appendix 2. Useful Life Expectancy Assessment Criteria

Useful Life Expectancy - Assessment Criteria			
Remove	Short	Medium	Long
<p>Trees with a high level of risk that would need removing within the next 5 years.</p> <p>Dead trees.</p> <p>Trees that should be removed within the next 5 years.</p> <p>Dying or suppressed or declining trees through disease or inhospitable conditions.</p> <p>Dangerous trees through instability or recent loss of adjacent trees.</p> <p>Dangerous trees through structural defects including cavities, decay, included bark, wounds or poor form.</p> <p>Damaged trees that considered unsafe to retain.</p> <p>Trees that could live for more than 5 years but may be removed to prevent interference with more suitable individuals or to provide space for new planting.</p> <p>Trees that will become dangerous after removal of other trees for the reasons.</p>	<p>Trees that appear to be retainable with an acceptable level of risk for 5-15 years.</p> <p>Trees that may only live between 5 and 15 more years.</p> <p>Trees that may live for more than 15 years but would be removed to allow the safe development of more suitable individuals.</p> <p>Trees that may live for more than 15 years but would be removed during the course of normal management for safety or nuisance reasons.</p> <p>Storm damaged or defective trees that require substantial remedial work to make safe, and are only suitable for retention in the short term.</p>	<p>Trees that appear to be retainable with an acceptable level of risk for 15-40 years.</p> <p>Trees that may only live between 15 and 40 more years.</p> <p>Trees that may live for more than 40 years but would be removed to allow the safe development of more suitable individuals.</p> <p>Trees that may live for more than 40 years but would be removed during the course of normal management for safety or nuisance reasons.</p> <p>Storm damaged or defective trees that require substantial remedial work to make safe, and are only suitable for retention in the short term.</p>	<p>Trees that appear to be retainable with an acceptable level of risk for more than 40 years.</p> <p>Structurally sound trees located in positions that can accommodate future growth.</p> <p>Storm damaged or defective trees that could be made suitable for retention in the long term by remedial tree surgery.</p> <p>Trees of special significance for historical, commemorative or rarity reasons that would warrant extraordinary efforts to secure their long-term retention.</p>



Appendix 3. Photographs



Fig. 1. View of the base of the tree. Note swimming pool near the tree. (Photo: T.J. Hawkeswood).



Fig. 2. View of the part of the trench show tiny roots from the tree as well as tees on the subject site such as *Murraya paniculata* and *Erthyrina* species . (Photo: T.J. Hawkeswood).



Fig. 3. One of the four larger subsurface roots from the rubber tree detected in the trenching. (Photo: T.J. Hawkeswood).



Fig. 4. A second larger root detected. (Photo: T.J. Hawkeswood).



Fig. 5. A third larger root detected. (Photo: T.J. Hawkeswood).



Fig. 6. *Callistemon salignus* pruned tree - roots of is tree were detected. (Photo: T.J. Hawkeswood).

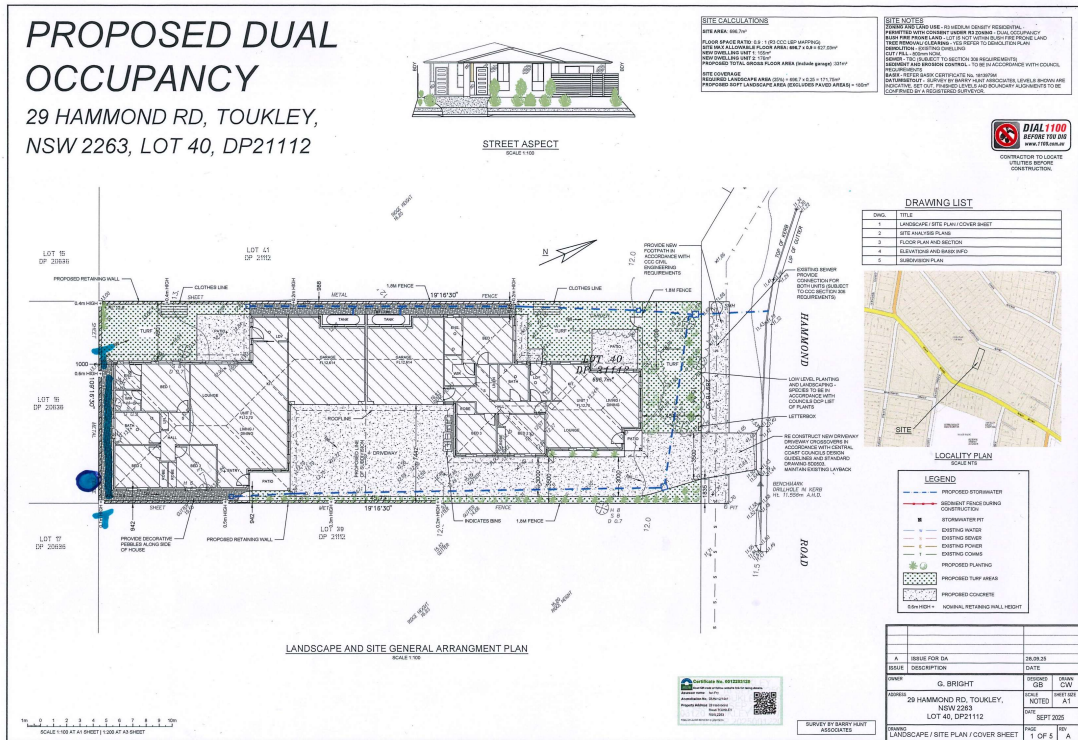


Fig. 7. Position of the tree in relation to the subject property. T-T in blue is where the trench was located.

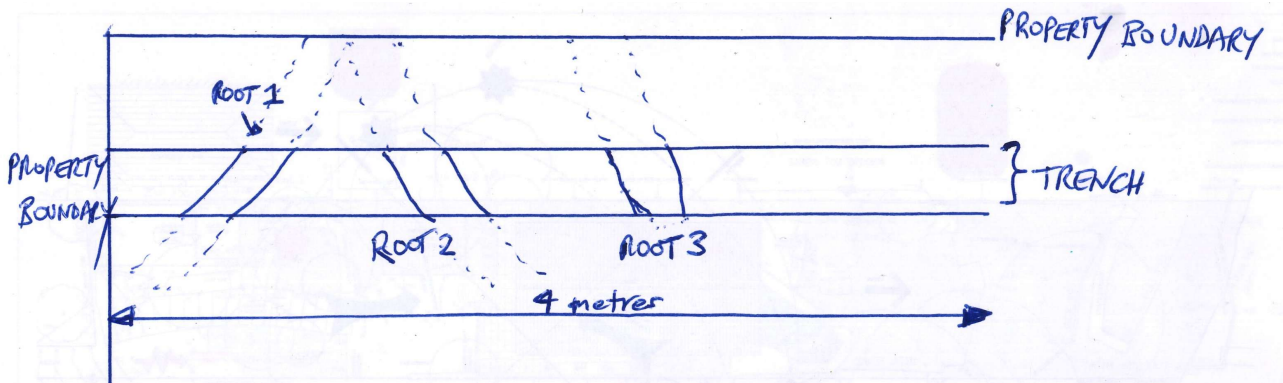


Fig. 8. Diagrammatic view of the three larger roots detected.

