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To The Resident

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Tree Removals in Gungah Bay Road, Oatley

Georges River Council has received a number of requests from local residents, and more recently from Ausgrid, for the removal of the *Eucalyptus microcorys* (Tallowood) under power lines.

Following advice from Ausgrid, a tree replacement program will commence shortly along Gungah Bay Road, Oatley between Roberts Avenue and Acacia Street. Replacing these Tallowood trees will help protect the electricity network and secure the community's power supply.

The Tallowoods are an inappropriate species and are too large to be located under the power lines. Unfortunately, the trees have not responded well to the regular pruning around the electricity network, resulting in poor structure and loss of visual amenity.

The removal of the trees will allow Council to replant a more suitable species underneath the power lines. Council's Street Tree Management Study 2015 proposes that the tree species most suited for this location is *Tristaniopsis laurina* (Water Gum). A species data sheet is attached for your information.

It is expected that the tree removal will occur between 20 November and 28 November 2017. The new trees will be planted within one month of removal and stump grinding.

While Council will endeavour to maintain these trees upon planting, your assistance in establishing the new trees once planted by watering them would be appreciated. Council would like to thank you for your co-operation and assistance in this matter.

If you would like any further information in relation to this matter, please contact Ausgrid Vegetation Officer-Horticulturalist, Paul Holmes on 9269 7501 or Council's Tree Management Officer, Stephen Lunniss on 9330 6400.

Yours sincerely,



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Manager Infrastructure