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Member for Oatley

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Dear Mr Panuccio

Thank you for your correspondence to the Premier, which was referred to the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, about proposed tree removal for the B-line. The Minister asked me to respond on his behalf.

I understand the council raised its concerns directly with the B-line project team and the feedback was incorporated into the relevant planning approvals. Discussions between the council and Mr Rob Smerdon, the B-line project team's interface manager, are ongoing.

As you are aware, 53 trees are being removed and 28 trees are being trimmed to allow the new double deck fleet to travel safely along Military and Spit roads. This decision was made following an assessment by an independent arborist who found that no trees were identified as ecologically endangered. I am advised community consultation was not required to obtain the necessary planning approvals on this occasion.

As part of Transport for NSW's *Vegetation Offset Guide*, all removed vegetation will be replaced by a greater number of new plants. You may be assured all replacement planting will occur in consultation with North Sydney Council and Mosman Council, where applicable.

In regard to your concerns about route clearing work, I am advised work has already begun between Mosman, Cremorne and Neutral Bay

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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