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Dear Minister

**Re: Request for Permanent Citywide Tree Protection Controls on Residential Land in the City of Whitehorse via Significant Landscape Overlay No. 9 (SLO9)**

In early 2018 the City of Whitehorse instituted tree controls with the Significant Landscape Overlay No. 9 (SLO9) covering all Whitehorse residential areas apart from those areas already protected by SLOs (i.e. SLO 1 through SLO8).This welcome and long-awaited strategy is fully backed by the Combined Residents of Whitehorse Action Group Inc., its member community groups and individuals, and the wider community.

However these municipal tree controls are due to expire on 31 December 2018.

It is our understanding that Whitehorse City Council has written to you on a number of occasions requesting that you grant an extension of these interim tree controls to allow Council to collect evidence in support of making the citywide tree controls permanent.

The Whitehorse community is deeply concerned that, if the interim tree controls lapse by 1 January 2019, the resulting indiscriminate removal of trees by developers and others will resume with renewed vigour within the current SLO9 areas of Whitehorse to the detriment of the natural landscape character of the city.

The residents of Whitehorse support Whitehorse City Council’s request that you to take the appropriate action, by extending the SLO9 tree controls, at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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