



## PETITION TO WILLOUGHBY CITY COUNCIL

### HALT TREE VANDALISM IN OUR BUSHLAND RESERVES

The recent and extensive destruction of the natural environment in the H.D. Robb Reserve, Castle Cove, is a serious crime. The vandalism included the killing of over 120 trees and destruction of more than 5,000m<sup>2</sup> of important habitat for our local fauna including threatened species such as the Powerful Owl and White-bellied Sea Eagle. This is not the first time tree vandalism has occurred in this area.

This petition is to raise to the Council the community's concern about the continued vandalism of trees within our bushland reserves and the associated impact on mature trees and key wildlife habitat. We would ask Council to treat such acts as the serious offences they are and utilise all of the powers to investigate and prosecute these incidents available under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1978* and the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.

Without serious action and heavy penalties we believe these acts of vandalism will continue in H.D Robb reserve and potentially in other bushland reserves in the Willoughby local government area.

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