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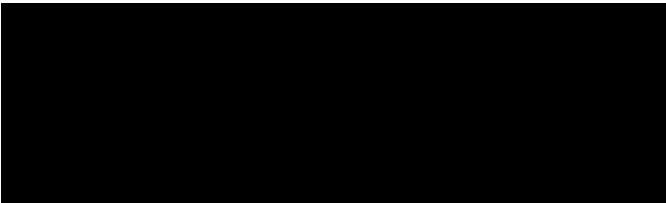
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Thank you for inviting me to address compliance issues in connection with the Urban Forest Bill 2022 during the hearing on Thursday October 6th, 2022, where solutions were briefly discussed. I would like to follow up with the following suggestions.

Compliance management with tree protection regulations could be made robust and effective

- (1) By strengthening the authority of the Tree Protection Unit (TPU) by giving the right to enter building sites at any time and by making it obligatory that assessments of potential breaches of tree protection regulations by the TPU be made available within 3 weeks to all parties involved.
- (2) By listing documented breaches on a register.
- (3) By having a tree protection demerit system for architects, builders and building certifiers, with first breaches of tree protection regulations attracting substantial fines (e.g. 10% of the Unimproved Value of the property) and half the demerit points to be registered against the licences of perpetrators and a second breach leading to loss of licence.
- (4) By establishing effective tree protection analysis and oversight of Development Applications, Building Approvals and in particular Exempt Developments.

With kind regards,



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