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Dear Mr Morrison and Ms Ramsay

**REPLACEMENT OF LOMBARDY POPLARS AT THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA FORECOURT**

I thank you for your letter dated 13 December 2022, responding to the National Capital Authority (NCA) advising of the proposed species for the replacement of the forecourt trees at the National Library of Australia.

As you know, NCA has been preparing to replace the existing forecourt trees for many years. During this time relevant due diligence activities have been undertaken to identify and source an appropriate tree species as a replacement. I am pleased to note your concurrence that the revised tree species is more appropriate.

Taking into account the cultural heritage and environmental considerations, NCA is proceeding to advance the project. The revised tree species has been referred to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for assessment under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999)*.

Should you wish to discuss this in more detail please contact Sandy Jacobson on 02 6271 2879 or [sandy.jacobson@nca.gov.au](mailto:sandy.jacobson@nca.gov.au), to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hamid Heydarian'.

Hamid Heydarian  
Acting Chief Executive

4 January 2023