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Dear Councillors

We would like to express our concern about the removal of mangroves from alongside the canal at Rushcutters Bay Park, carried out without any community consultation.

A mangrove is a tree, shrub, palm or ground fern, generally exceeding one half metre in height that normally grows above mean sea level in the intertidal zone of marine coastal environments and estuarine margins.

Mangroves are native to this area, and as such adapted to the soil and climate of the bay. They are part of the heritage of this park and serve an important ecological function; among them protection for a range of native birds, lizards and other wildlife.

The mangroves, prior to their removal, provided shade, and served to hide the unsightly man made drain channelling water into the bay.

We ask that the mangroves be replanted from where they were removed, and that in future Woollahra Council consult with residents prior to removing native flora from this important Park.

Yours sincerely

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