

To: California Coastal Commission  
Re: Bolinas Eucalyptus Project Coastal Permit

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing as a homeowner and an active member of the Bolinas community to express wholehearted support for the Bolinas Eucalyptus Project and their initiative to address the overgrown, overcrowded, and neglected stand of Eucalyptus trees on Mesa Road.

In January 2023, my partner Elias's life and mine were forever changed when a Blue Gum Eucalyptus tree fell on our vehicle bringing a power line down with it while driving on Mesa Road. At 25 years old, I sustained a concussion and whiplash and continue to reckon with the negative physical and psychological effects of the event, including post-traumatic stress. I was out of work for over nine months and have yet to return to work full-time.

Elias, 27 at the time, was rendered unconscious and unresponsive with a broken neck and a traumatic brain injury. Previously a physically and socially active member of our community, Elias is no longer able to work, drive long distances, or enjoy many recreational activities due to headaches, dizziness, sensitivity to light, and lingering pain caused by the injuries to his head and neck. He is exhausted by basic tasks and experiences many personal difficulties in his daily life.

The night of our accident, both roads in and out of Bolinas were blocked by failed Eucalyptus trees. First responders were at one point trapped and unable to respond quickly to calls. In the months that followed, dozens more fell impacting Bolinas residents and visitors significantly.

The evidence is clear: full removal is the preferred and necessary response to the rapidly declining health of these trees. I sincerely hope this project will move forward without delay or barrier given the proven threat our community faces. Please do everything you can to spare others the tragedy our family has endured. I pray for the safe passage of all Bolinas residents and visitors in the meantime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annabelle Scott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Annabelle Scott