



Dated: 21.06.2021

To,  
The DCF,  
Aranya Bhavan,  
18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleshwaram,  
Bengaluru – 560 003.

Dear Sir,

**Sub:** Request to defer the public hearing by three months

**Ref:** Public Notice bearing No. A9/Tree Cutting/C. R-489/2020-21 dated 14/06/2021

Namma Bengaluru Foundation made a site visit to Singanayakanahalli lake with a diaspora of citizens from all walks of life. This group consisted of Urban Conservationists, Artists, Citizen Scientists, Activists, Wildlife enthusiasts, locals and more. The following are the findings of the group.

The group was astonished to find the thick dense forest like foliage and trees with various birds, ant hills, bird nests, snake pits, moths, and butterflies. They also found heavy wildlife traffic in the area, also finding a fox carcass in their path. They also spotted peacocks which is a schedule 1 wildlife species on the ground.

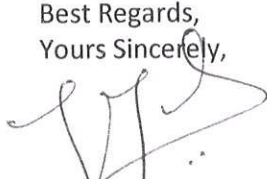
They spoke to local cowherds who stated that there are nearly 1000 cattle grazing on these grounds. This supports our observation that this area has been a grassland nurturing cattle herders for their occupation from all surrounding villages. As per their knowledge these trees have been here for more than 30 to 40 years. They also stated that recently the forest department has taken interest in this land and planted Pongam saplings amidst the natural flora which is visible.

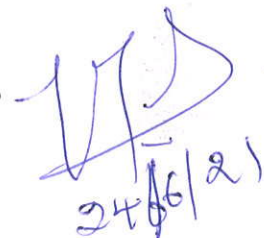
We completely support the lake rejuvenation project but not at the destruction of the above ecology and habitat. The nearby villages need water for their farming and day to day activities. The above findings have not been listed in the documents which is shared in the (aranya.gov.in) website. There has also been a short-sighted approach to the entire project with haste to cut down 6316 trees. It is our request that you produce the findings by relevant departments and a conclusive document to rejuvenate the lake without affecting the trees and the ecology prevalent at the site.

**The trees are protecting the catchment area which has been recharging the groundwater for decades. This ecosystem has supported the nearby villages for many generations.**  
It is our request to keep the trees as is and rejuvenate the lake.

Owing to the current crisis of COVID 19, we request the public hearing to be deferred by three months until the pandemic is contained.

Best Regards,  
Yours Sincerely,

  
Vined Jacob  
General Manager

  
24/6/21

