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Planning Proposal Heritage Listing Modern Buildings Priority Study

On behalf of the Paddington Society, I reaffirm strong support for the staff Recommendation that the Council should proceed with the Planning Proposal to list the seventeen (17) places as local heritage items in Schedule 5, and on the associated Heritage Maps of the Woollahra LEP 2014.

A number of the buildings, including their grounds and interiors, are very familiar to many Society members, including this writer. We are aware of the historic and architectural significance and the fine aesthetic contribution they make to the surrounding local environments within our LGA.

We commend Council and staff for the vision in commissioning the Study and especially commend GML Heritage for this excellent and detailed Study. The 35 buildings originally selected for inclusion have been thoroughly investigated in accordance with the NSW Heritage Office Significance Criteria, and those reaching the threshold for local heritage listing have been whittled down to the present 17.

- We commend the detailed research, which includes very informative physical descriptions and historical overviews of each building, including those which didn't progress to stage 2 of the Study, *and* those finally excluded from the 26 in the December 2024 stage of the Study. We regret that engagement with owners of the very fine 'Kelly House' have led to removal from the list.
- Council and the community now have recorded details of ownership, social and architectural history, drawings, documents, images and acknowledgement of the special qualities of those 17 buildings, *and* also those excluded during the lengthy Study period and beyond.
- It is disappointing that some of the extremely fine buildings were altered in the past to the extent that they were removed from the initial list of 35. We also note that the Study explicitly excludes dwelling interiors of many of the buildings, and hope that this will address the concerns of those apartment owners and owners' corporations who have submitted objections to the staff Recommendation for local heritage listing.
- Preventing the buildings and sites from future inappropriate significant alterations is one of the very many reasons for reaffirming the Society's strong support for the staff Recommendation for local heritage listing and also for State heritage listing of the exceptional Hamilton House and its grounds and interiors.

We trust that Councillors will accept and confirm the Recommendation to proceed with the listings of buildings which have been so scrupulously assessed by extremely experienced and respected consultants and Council's expert Planning and Heritage staff.

Yours faithfully 

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