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Planning NSW
Director of Metropolitan Region
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Attention: Ms Megan Fu,

**Protest against the Proposed Demolition of Griffith House
30 Gray St Kogarah NSW 2217**

To whom it may concern,

We most strenuously oppose the demolition of "Griffith House".

Griffith House is one of the few remaining Victorian residences in Kogarah. Once there were many, most of which were destroyed in the sixties and seventies.

The house is in good original condition and most of its features intact. The Heritage Officer from Kogarah council declared it so.

In 2002 the owner of the building opposite (No 2 Queen St.), another heritage property, submitted a development application to demolish his building to make way for a motel. Kogarah Council denied consent so he, a Mr Stack, took the matter to the Land and Environment Court. A number of controversial items of heritage significance in this area had also been before the Court, and were lost. With this knowledge the Court Magistrate made the unprecedented decision to come to Gray St, bringing court attendants with him, to walk the area to see for himself why there was such opposition to this demolition. He declared it to be an **HISTORIC PRECINCT** and denied consent. The heritage precinct he declared comprises of:

1. The Fire Brigade Station,
2. Griffith House,
3. The corner shop opposite,
4. Victorian Villa (4 Queens Rd. Kogarah)
5. The Kogarah School of Arts.

The hospital's contribution to the integrity of the area so far has been the construction of their research building, which is a hideous eyesore!

We most fervently hope that Griffith House will be preserved.

Yours sincerely,

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