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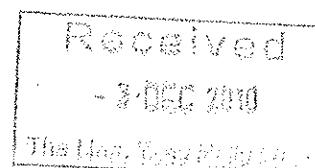
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Subject: Redevelopment of the Scottish Hospital, 1 Cooper Street, Paddington.

1 December, 2010

Dear neighbours, representatives, deputies and developers,

This letter is to complain about the proposed development for the Scottish Hospital on the grounds that it does not address the design values of the area.

I have been very active in the community, and whilst I have heard no voices denying Presbyterian Aged Care the right to develop, I have heard many objections to the development they have proposed.

Here I would like to add what I believe is one of the most significant issues to the chorus of complaint. I write this letter with some authority. I teach the history and theory of the architecture and urban design at both University of Sydney and University of New South Wales.

The Scottish Hospital is set in the heart of Paddington, a heritage area. But it is a mistake to believe that this means that the buildings alone are what makes the urban form so special that it can claim heritage status. The Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian buildings in the area are very significant, but the spirit in which the area was developed more so. The understanding, so prevalent in the neo-

classical and arts and crafts periods was that an architect or builder was first obliged to ask "what can this building do for the surrounding community? How can it contribute to the Civic life of Sydney?" This was the motto of James Barnett (the NSW Government Architect from 1862-1890, the growth period for Paddington and the designer of the department of Lands in Bridge St.). As a result of this noble attitude, the mark he left on the city is thought to make the urban landscape of Sydney so pleasant for the populace.

The development of the Scottish Hospital violates this very significant heritage principle. Architecturally it offers nothing but a slap in the face to the community. In fact the community has not even been considered beyond being either a market for the proposed aged care units or else as obstacles to be railroaded to get the project pushed through. It is too big, it takes our views, the trees, it damages the urban design, but gives little in return.

The Council acknowledges this urban landscape argument to some degree. Infill development is allowed by the Paddington Heritage Development Control Plan provided that it is modest and sympathetic. The Scottish Hospital redevelopment (as proposed) is not, in any way sympathetic or modest.

Please take whatever measures are required to make sure that this project is significantly reconsidered before it can be approved.

Yours truly,

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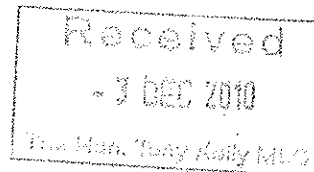
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CC: Federal Member for Wentworth, NSW member for Sydney, Woollahra Municipal Council and other local residents.

RE: Impact of the proposed Scottish Hospital development (1 Cooper St. Paddington) on our views and amenity.

Dear Mr. Kelly

I am writing to complain that the impact on our views and amenity from the proposed Scottish Hospital development (1 Cooper St. Paddington) is unacceptable by orders of magnitude.

The developers have prepared a view analysis for us and others (on your web-site), hidden away in appendix 'w': http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=8779. This analysis shows how the beautiful valley that we look into (virtually our entire outlook) will be consumed by an ugly institutional building. Really take a look. It's undisputedly horrific. Sure, an ugly building is already there - nestled away amid the trees, but large and inappropriate as the current building is, the proposed structure is double the height of the original and expands to 9 metres from the road as opposed to 25. This scale is way beyond what is acceptable and the style is simply not in keeping with the values of the area, which we have worked so hard to protect ever since the 1960's green-bans.

Already we have seen way more than our fair share of development. Within 500 metres we have the Advanx (600 or so units) and the new Garvin Institute, the Lowy Packer building, the new Psych unit for St. Vincents, and the redevelopment of the old telephone exchange to apartments.

Please instruct the developers to go back to the design board, to re-evaluate the scale of the proposal, not to mention the style.

Sincerely,

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Jan Golembiewski (Neighbour)