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Dear Ms Tranquille

**New Request for Advice - Marist Catholic College North Shore (SSD-10473) (North Sydney) – 264 and 270 Miller Street, 34 – 36 and 40 Ridge Street North Sydney**

Thank you for your referral dated 12 November 2021 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the revised proposal for the above Marist Catholic College North Shore (SSD-10473) (North Sydney). These comments follow previous advice on the proposal from Heritage NSW provided on 3 March 2021.

The scope of changes forming part of this updated proposal that may impact on the State Heritage Register (SHR) item *St Leonards Park* (SHR no. 01941) located at 283A Miller St, North Sydney, NSW 2060 are as follows:

- Interim use of the Miller Street/Carlow Street corner site during construction staging.
- A reduction in scale of the Miller Street building from a 5-storey building (including basement) to a 4-storey building (including basement) with a rooftop recreation space.
- Façade amendments to the Miller Street Building.
- Incorporation of safety fence on proposed rooftop in the café/canteen.
- Landscaping amendments, including: – Two x *Platanus Digitata* (200L) shall be planted along the Miller Street frontage.
  - Retention and relocation of two *Phoenix Canariensis* trees.
  - Introduction of landscape steps next to the auditorium foyer.
- Increase in the width of the Miller Street pedestrian pathway with associated landscaping.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- *Design Amendment Report, Ethos Urban dated 1 November 2021.*

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, the following further comments are provided:

1. The Visual Impact Analysis states that *'views of the proposal may be visible from within the north-west quadrant of St Leonards Park, in particular the formed pedestrian path that traverses the park in a north-east to south-west direction (VIA, p10)*. The proposed Curlow Building at the corner of Miller and Curlow Street requires the removal of green space that supports a group of high and moderate significance trees, including a mature *Jacaranda*

*mimisifolia* (Jacaranda) (Tree TQ96) 14 metres in height. This corner is located directly opposite the key entry point to the park and the view along the axial path running east west through the park (CMP, p44). The proposed planting of two 200L replacement Jacaranda at this prominent corner will mitigate the bulk and scale of the proposed development and preserve the significant views from St Leonards Park and the landscape character of the locality, and is supported. It is however important that to ensure the successful establishment of these trees, the encroachment of the basement and associated structures into the deep soil perimeter in their vicinity, must be avoided.

As the site contains local heritage items, and other local items are in the vicinity, advice should be sought from North Sydney Council.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Tempe Beaven, Acting Senior Team Leader, at Heritage NSW, on 9873 8629 or [Tempe.Beaven@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Tempe.Beaven@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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