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RE: State Significant Development  
– Request for Secretary’s Environmental Assessment Requirements  
– Greenwich Hospital, 97 – 115 River Road, Greenwich

We write with great concern for the proposed development of Greenwich Hospital.

Whilst we understand the need to upgrade some of the Greenwich Hospital to bring quality healthcare to a beneficial standard, we are very concerned how this will impact Pallister House and the Greenwich area.

Whilst reading through the Statement of Significance of this site it is extremely obvious that many owners/developers have made this site smaller in size and renovations have severely affected the significance of such a fine building and surrounding gardens.

*According to the Heritage Council of NSW: “Why list?”*

*Listing is the way our heritage places are identified and managed. This safeguards the environmental, economic and social benefits of this limited resource for present and future generations.*

*As with zoning, certainty is the driving reason for listing. By flagging our heritage places, listing gives owners and the community certainty about what is a heritage place. It provides advance knowledge about the approvals process, and confidence **that future changes to listed places and surrounds will be sympathetic ahead of important decisions such as purchasing**”.*

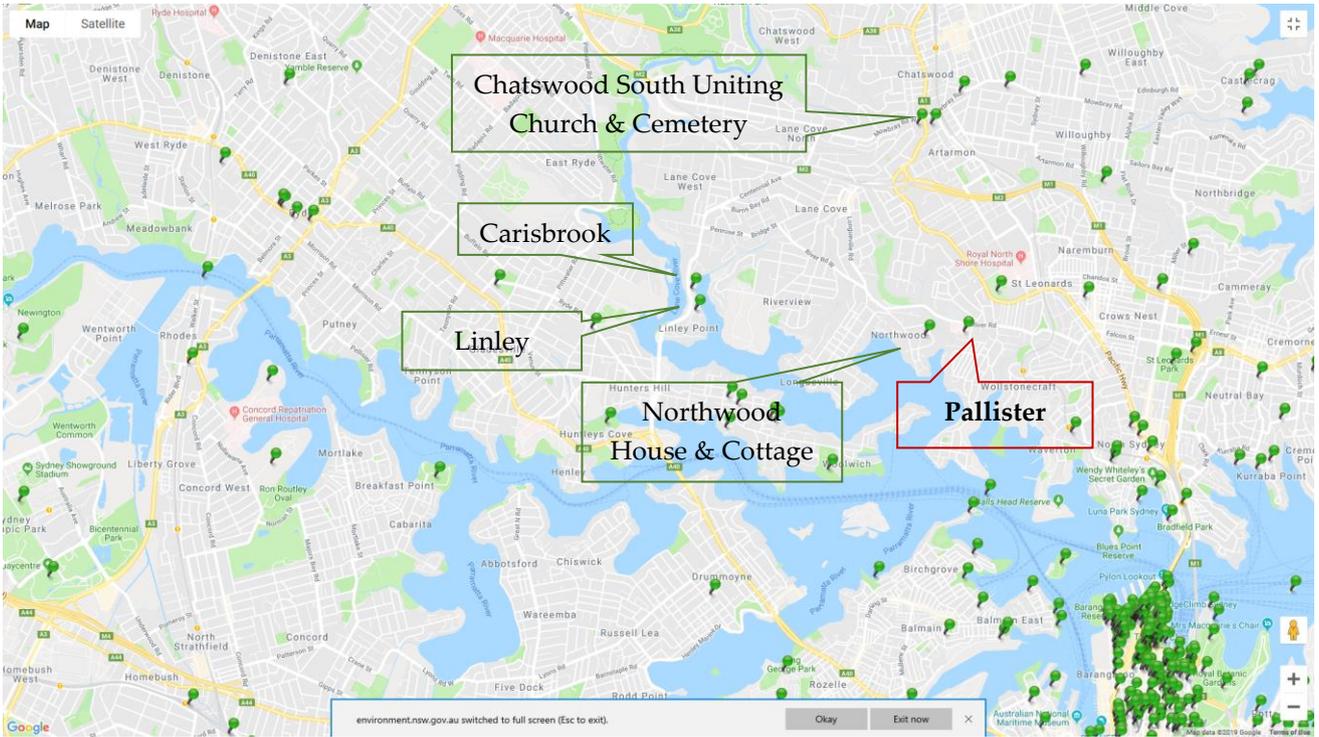
*It is the best surviving example of a late Victorian gentleman's villa and remnant garden setting, including a tear-drop shaped carriage loop in Greenwich.*

Visiting this site again today it is evident that the teardrop carriageway has been badly repaired, and the gardens are used as a parking lot. Surely this area should be brought back to its historic standard. There is also remnant of sandstone wall on the ground in the area which should be reinstated.

We are curious how a development application can be made to change a hospital to what appears to be a retirement village.

- Independent living units are being built on the Pallister heritage site
- Up to 8 storey buildings will dwarf such a grand historic villa
- There is concern over the bush removal of the area in Appendix 2.
- There is no mention of how the finished new aligned internal road will impact the heritage site and how close it will be to the existing grand trees.
- There is confusion on the developer’s behalf. The purpose of Pallister House becomes unclear throughout the document.

We cannot allow more of our historic buildings and gardens be carved up to developers.



Lane cove has 5 Items listed under the NSW Heritage Act. Is it the intention of authorities to ignore our heritage and allow any developer do what they want?



These grand trees above are mentioned in the proposal and are going to be removed as they hold no heritage value. What utter nonsense. Trees such as these are of high value and need to be left alone.

This application must be rejected immediately. I await your response.

Regards

