



10<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

Second Submission.

**Re: #7545** Relocation and expansion of the NSW Health Forensic Pathology service and Coroners Court

Dear Sir,

The Lidcombe Heritage Group was formed in 1994 to promote and preserve the history of Lidcombe Hospital and buildings of heritage significance on the site.

We wish to lodge our strongest objection to the proposed entry and exit roads to the proposed public car park.

The Heritage Consultants failed to recognise the heritage significance of the Senior and Junior Medical Officers cottages, as well as the other half of Palm circuit. These are currently earmarked for demolition as part of the court and morgue development.

This is a link to the GML 2002 Conservation plan for Botanica <http://www.auburn.nsw.gov.au/.../Former-Lidcombe-Hospital...> (see para 1.7, 2.8.5 para 3.6.1 and para 3.9 as well as the maps). Even though these cottages were not in Botanica and therefore outside the scope of the GML report, the historical significance of the senior and junior medical officers' cottages is noted many times. They date back to 1929 and 1934 respectively (3.6.1). *"Of these the most significant are the Senior Medical Officer's residences (Residence No 6) and the Junior Medical Officer's residence (No 5) built in 1929 and 1934 respectively. They are located on the South side of the Avenue and are a good example of the Inter War Georgian Revival Style"* Indeed, buildings of similar era and architecture were required to be conserved by Australand when Botanica was built. The Southern part of Palm circuit is also noted as being of high historical significance (4.6.4) and

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again, the northern part of Palm circuit was required to be conserved when Botanica was built. Yet the other half of Palm Circuit will be destroyed for the proposed car park.

I also note the heritage consultants failed to consult with local heritage groups – if they had, this would have been picked up. “What message does this give if a private developer is required to conserve these items, but our own state government development is not required to conserve equivalent items?”

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