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Re. Objection to Demolition of Willow Grove Villa and St George's Terraces Heritage Listed buildings in Phillip Street, Parramatta

Dear Sir,

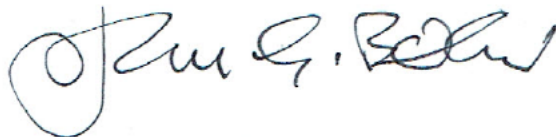
I would like to register my strong objections and disappointment at the State Government intention to demolish listed Heritage buildings at Parramatta – namely the Willow Grove Villa (built 1870) and the St George's Terraces (built 1881).

The local history and heritage is very precious for Parramatta as a modern city and for Australia, as many of the region's historic buildings have already been destroyed in a thoughtless manner.

The secrecy and non-transparency of the proposed development in Parramatta is undemocratic and has not allowed proper public scrutiny of planning intentions, which are supposed to be for the good of the people. This method of reducing objections smacks of dishonesty and deception of public and community values and interest, and does not allow adequate public awareness of serious issues of Australian heritage.

The Willow Grove Villa (1870) and the St George's Terrace (1881) must be conserved and protected as a priority and the misconceived Council car park building should be demolished at the riverfront to create a parkland from the Heritage buildings down to the Parramatta River – for public enjoyment and the benefit of present and future generations, and to restore value to these important heritage items.

Yours faithfully



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