

The proposal, SSDA, of extending the New South Wales Art Gallery, means to withdraw not only from Sydney residents, but from all New South Wales, and indeed from the whole Nation, some part of the Sydney area of core beauty and recreation. This removal would be a grave injury to the heritage and health of our City, State and Nation. The green beauty and recreational space of the Sydney Centre cannot be allowed to suffer any further diminution. It is vital for our city residents and tourists, to have this central park for our exercise and restoration of our human spirit and our peace of soul. Our children and their children will suffer from the loss of the green space, trees and lawn and harbour views now affordable for our citizens. The SSDA proposal, and indeed any proposal, to remove permanently any further green space from *our capital city's core beauty*, will cause irreparable loss and damage for the citizens of Sydney and the State of New South Wales. ***A stand has to be made now!*** Any request for *further building, no matter how worthy the benefit of any such further building, has to be met with locating such proposed building to another part of the city!* This can easily be done in the expansions being discovered and explored in other city centres. Again, it must be reiterated, we citizens simply cannot permit further diminution of green space in our city centre, as this would be an irreparable loss to the most beautiful capital city of Australia. Let this be a golden rule. No excuse can be made. Other locations are readily available. Furthermore, as I walk round frequently the Gallery and the Botanical Gardens and meet tourists, I notice their tendency to compare these Gardens and Gallery to Central Park in New York and to the gardens in Central London. Although in truth, our gallery is not as large as these other world-renowned galleries, yet the overseas gardens these galleries adorn are far larger than our botanical garden. Proportionately, then, our gallery is sufficient in size and beauty appropriate for Sydney centre and its botanical gardens. Indeed, in its present form and necessary supporting green surrounds, the New South Wales Art Gallery is a wonderful landmark in design and beauty.