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1. Submitted by: Associate Professor Winsome Evans BEM, OAM, JP.

2. Permission to use/publish my name and details.

3. Re SSD-7539. (Darlington Terraces ).

4. I am TOTALLY against this proposal. These are heritage houses and land which includes what is on the land, i.e. trees and bushes (the living aspects).

5. No trees or bushes should be destroyed. These are surely "heritage" as well.

6. For over 40 years I have known about threats made by Sydney University personnel to the poor and elderly residents of these terraces as they cajoled, bribed, threatened and so on.

This I know directly, as in the 1980's I knocked on practically every door in that street as a Neighbourhood Watch volunteer.

Every resident told me that this was happening, filling them with fear and distrust of anyone connected with Sydney University, as I was myself in my work in a University department.

I reported this to the current University Registrar who did nothing, just let it continue.

Now 40 years later, Sydney University has succeeded in getting rid of almost everyone ( except two boarding houses ? on the corner of Codrington Street) and they are filling these houses with University personnel from various departments - Sciences, Performance Studies and so on.

7. Sydney University has destroyed the block from Abercrombie Street to City Road. This destruction includes the Kindergarten and the Deaf School abutting Darlington Public School ( once a perfect educational symbiosis ), a small University IT (?) building, the Book Repository and various houses next to it and the much used and beloved park on the corner of Codrington and Abercrombie.

There were hopes this park would be named after a much loved local man.

Most terrible was the utter destruction of whole blocks of bush land surrounding these buildings. Hundreds of trees and bushes and of course those creatures which dwell therein ( birds, insects and wildlife ), the University Regiment building and adjacent land ( used for military ceremonies including outdoor band rehearsals ).

I have a photographic record to prove most of this destruction.

8. These destroyed buildings and bush have been replaced by ugly concrete Russian style gulags and a hideously tall (out of character in Abercrombie Street ) Business School – all, I'm informed to house wealthy overseas students (?).

9. The trees and bushes, resplendent in Darlington Lane must not be removed. City of Sydney Council has a ruling about this.

Furthermore, the ruling states that if trees are chopped down, they must be replaced by trees of comparable species and size.

10. I have a photographic record of most of this already mentioned which I will forward to the City of Sydney Council, the press and the local member of Parliament.

11. Having read the documents supplied, I totally agree with the objections stated by City of Sydney and I find the responses quite arrogant (as usual).

12. The photo of the planned buildings to be forced onto the back of heritage houses in Darlington Road show quite ugly and out of character buildings. I would have expected something better of Sydney University architects.

These proposed buildings will be the final nail in the Darlington precinct. Yet another Sydney University eyesore to complete their destruction of a once beautiful area of Sydney.