

**Kogarah Bay Progress Association Inc**  
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Director of Metropolitan North  
Department of Planning and Infrastructure  
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Attention Ms Megan Fu  
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**Proposed demolition of Griffith House, St George Hospital**

Members of our Association have only just become aware, with dismay, of the planned demolition of Griffith House. This Victorian property has a long history in our municipality, having been built in the 1800s and is symbolic to local residents of the early development of our suburb, and in particular the development of the Bowns Park Estate.

We understand that Kogarah Council formally recognized the significance of the property in its Heritage study and accorded it regional significance.

While our members acknowledge that St George Hospital has plans for expansion, our members believe that properties such as Griffith House should be incorporated within the development, thereby retaining its value for the benefit of future generations, rather than simply demolishing the property.

Our members have also expressed concern that the statutory advertising did not reach relevant members of our community. Where heritage listed properties are concerned, the advertising should be extended to organisations that understand heritage matters, as well as adjoining residents.

Please record our strong objection to the demolition of this highly valued aspect of Kogarah's heritage. We believe that the decision to demolish should be deferred until all options to retain the facility are fully and openly canvassed.

Yours faithfully,



J. Powys  
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