



John Graham

Member of the Legislative Council

14 December 2017

Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: Mirvac DAs Locomotive Workshops: SSDA 8517 and SSDA8449

I appreciate the opportunity to make a submission on this application.

I wish to support the concerns around the heritage of this site that have been raised with me by members of the community. These community concerns reflect the fact that that this site was the largest workshop in the southern hemisphere when it was in operation from 1886-1989.

The site was very important to the labour movement in Sydney and Australia. Its employees participated in the Eight Hour campaigns and went on strike at the start of the 1917 Great Strike, Australia's largest ever general strike.

This history has been recognised in the past, and the current Conservation Management Plan must be implemented.

I support the calls for the Department of Planning and Environment to commission an independent audit of the Mirvac Development Approval.

I believe that the Development Consent should not be granted until that independent audit has reported on how the Mirvac Development Applications conform to all the heritage plans and covenants applying to Eveleigh Railway Workshops.

Some of the specific issues which should be included in Conditions of Development Consent are:

- That the concepts for a Workers Wall and Foundry Interpretation are included in the Heritage Interpretation Strategy.
- The Heritage Interpretation Strategy should also be updated to:
 - a. reinsert many of those interpretation strategies removed from the 2012 interpretation plan;
 - b. include a section on the 1917 Great Strike which originated at Eveleigh Locomotive Workshops and the Centenary of which has been widely celebrated this year; and
 - c. change custodianship of the "Eveleigh Stories" Collection directly to the Workshops

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Graham'.

John Graham MLC