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St Aloysius' College Redevelopment (Concept and Stage 1)

Submission on behalf of the North Shore Historical Society

The North Shore Historical Society wishes to object to the proposed Redevelopment proposal for St Aloysius College.

The concern of the Society relates to the College's intention to undertake unsympathetic additions to the historic nineteenth century Italianate building, Wyalla, which is located within the grounds of the Senior College campus.

Wyalla was constructed as a substantial brick house in the late 1880's. After use as a private residence, and then as a boarding house, this historic house became the senior school of St Aloysius College in 1916. The building is acknowledged in the project's EIS as having high heritage significance compared to other sections of the College's built infrastructure

The building Wyalla appears on the North Sydney Council's Local Environment Plan and on the State Historical Register, listed as aesthetically representative statewide, and as historically and socially representative at a local level.

The Development Proposal lodged states:

"The modification of the eastern elevation of Wyalla would necessitate the removal of a section of 1889 masonry and windows to enable the construction of a large flexible and accessible teaching space at ground level".

Unsympathetic additions have already been made to the south side of the building. To this point in time, the eastern side of this historic building has remained intact. The removal of wall masonry, and, particularly, the removal of the eight double hung timber windows on the ground floor, would destroy the historical integrity of the eastern side of the structure and would diminish the heritage value of the entire building. Any such substantial alterations would be irreversible. The relationship of these ground floor windows to the matching eight windows on the first floor is an integral part of the heritage building.

The Society urges reconsideration of any such alterations to this historic building, which will unavoidably damage the present and future heritage value of Wyalla, both to the school and to the surrounding community.

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