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To Jaime Dyhrberg (Hilltops Council),

On behalf of my client Rye Park Recreational Trust, I would like to provide a heritage impact statement for the proposed demolition of an existing pavilion. The Rye Park Recreational Ground is highlighted in the Hilltops Local Environmental Plan 2022 as having heritage value. The listing is as follows:

- I230 – Lot 1 DP937799 – 54 to 68 Yass Street Which has been described as:

- The Rye Park Recreation Ground was dedicated in 1911 on land located next to the Methodist Church. This space was developed as a multi-function sportsground with tennis courts, and as a venue for local shows. It is representative of the development of Rye Park from the 19th century and into the 20th century. The recreation ground has local historical significance, representativeness and a high degree of integrity. Boorowa Heritage Study 2013

The proposed demolition will not impact the overall integrity of the existing amenity of the Rye Park Recreation Ground, with the existing building in a dilapidated state that has been required to be removed by Crown Lands. As a result, due to the requirements set out by Crown Lands the Rye Park Recreational Trust have not choice but to remove the structure entirely.

Although the building has in the past represented a part of the 'showgrounds' it has since seen its days out as a closed down pavilion. The existing pavilions on the site apart from this one, have been maintained and represent the multi-function sportsground and the integrity of the whole grounds will be retained.

There are several other precidents to the removal of this pavilion within the district including Bribbaree Recreational Grounds, Harden Showground and Koorawatha showground all of which are heritage-listed and at all ground Crown Lands Safety Audits identified the need to demolish older buildings, most of which were included in the listings.

As a result of the requirements of the Crown and also the overall integrity of the Recreational Ground remaining, we have made the assessment that this is an appropriate course of action to ensure that the Rye Park Recreational Ground can retain its heritage value which also maintaining its assets.

With thanks,

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