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Dear Mr Haddad

Draft Woollahra LEP 1995 (Amendment No.66) - Heritage Items

The purpose of this letter is to request that Draft Woollahra LEP 1995 (Amendment No.66) be brought into the new Part 3 process of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The Draft LEP aims to add thirty new heritage items and four heritage item groups to Schedule 3 of Woollahra LEP 1995.

Under the provisions of clause 12(1)(b), Part 2, Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, the Draft LEP is considered to be a "pending LEP" [draft amending LEP].

A section 65 certificate for the Draft LEP was issued on 23 October 2009. In a letter dated 29 September 2010, the Deputy Director General Plan Making and Urban Renewal has informed Council that amending LEPs with section 65 certificates issued after 1 July 2009 must be finalised or brought into the current Part 3 process by 1 January 2011 or they will cease to have the status of a draft environmental planning instrument.

Work on the Draft LEP is substantially advanced and a report on submissions received during the public exhibition process is now being prepared. Despite this, it is possible the Draft LEP may not be finalised before 1 January 2011.

The option of integrating the Draft LEP with Council's Principal LEP is not preferred. We have been informally advised that Woollahra's Principal LEP is to be finalised by June 2012. Ideally, we would like to complete the heritage item project no later than the first quarter of 2011 to avoid placing the items at further risk. We also consider it important to provide a response to property owners as soon as possible.

As required by the Department's letter of 29 September 2010, a planning proposal has been prepared for consideration (see enclosed).

If further information is required I may be contacted on 9391 7083.

Yours sincerely

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