

Heritage Advisory Working Group



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Dear David

HERITAGE ADVISORY WORKING GROUP INITIAL COMMENTS ON PLANNING PROPOSAL FOR BERRIMA DIESEL, 3483 OLD HUME HIGHWAY, BERRIMA

I refer to the planning proposal for Berrima Diesel which was discussed at the Heritage Advisory Working Group meeting on 1 February 2013. The Working Group wishes to provide their expert opinion and advice on this matter, which is of a general nature given that the details of the planning proposal have not yet been made public.

The site at 3483 Old Hume Highway, Berrima, on which the Berrima Diesel business is being conducted, is within the Berrima Landscape Conservation Area and at the southern approach to the village. The Landscape Conservation Area is listed in Part 2 of Schedule 5 of the Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010 and provides a critical landscape and visual buffer to the highly significant Berrima village. Berrima is one of the few intact villages in the State which demonstrate the characteristics of nineteenth century town development from the period of convict settlement to the end of the Victorian era, and is of potential National heritage significance. The Landscape Conservation Area (previously referred to as the Visual Catchment Area) plays an important role in providing an appropriate landscape setting for the historic village.

The E3 Environmental Management zoning of the subject site reflects the special qualities of the Landscape Conservation Area and aims "to *protect*, manage and restore areas with special ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic values" (emphasis added). The zone objectives go on to state that provision can be made for a limited range of development that does not adversely impact on those values. The Heritage Advisory Working Group is of the view that the current intensive industrial use is incompatible with and adversely impacts on the special heritage qualities of the village and its landscape setting and, accordingly, it does not support either the planning proposal or any other action that would allow the continuation of the current car repair station use on this site.

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If you have any queries, please contact me on (02) 4868 0830 (Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) or at sarah.farnese@wsc.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Farnese', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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*On behalf of the Wingecarribee Heritage Advisory Working Group comprising:
Clr Jim Clark (Chair), Clr Holly Campbell, Clr Graham McLaughlin, Linda Emery (representative of
The Berrima District Historical & Family History Society), Marie Russell (representative of National
Trust of Australia (NSW) Southern Highlands Branch), Laurel Cheetham (representative of Australian
Garden History Society, Southern Highlands Branch), and community representatives Charlotte
Webb, Dennis McManus and Ian Stapleton*

cc. All Councillors