

# **Attachment 6**

## **Letter from Heritage Council**



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Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Notice of Intention to consider listing, amendment and removal of rail items on the State Heritage Register**

I am writing to advise that the Heritage Council of NSW, resolved, at its meeting of 3 October 2012, to give notice of its intention to consider the listing, amendment and removal of a number of rail items on the State Heritage Register (Annexure A). This advice is in accordance with section 33(1)(a) and section 38 of the *Heritage Act 1977 (NSW)*.

Any members of the community, owners, managers, organisations or other interested parties are invited to make a written submission regarding the proposed listing and significance. Submissions should be posted or emailed to the Heritage Council of NSW at the following address during the public submission period closing on 13 November 2012:

Heritage Council of NSW  
Locked Bag 5020  
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Please note that the Heritage Council is unable to accept submissions received after the above closing date.

Please find enclosed additional background information to the proposal and the consultation process currently being managed by the Heritage Branch (Annexure B).

Further details on items and proposed listing curtilage, the State Heritage Register, listing criteria, making a submission and the benefits of listing can be viewed on the Heritage Branch website at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/Heritage/listings/index.htm/>

If you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact Stewart Watters at the Heritage Branch on (02) 9873 8561.

Yours sincerely

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## Annexure A

The Heritage Council of NSW is considering whether to recommend the places below for listing on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of their heritage significance:

**Bulli Railway Station Group  
Emu Plains (Nepean River) Underbridge  
Lithgow (James Street) Underbridge  
Lithgow Coal Stage Signal Box  
Lithgow Railway Station Group and Residence  
Woy Woy Railway Tunnel**

The Heritage Council of NSW is also currently considering whether or not to recommend the removal of:

### Fixed Assets

**Bondi Junction Railway Station (01094)  
Campsie Railway Station Group (01108)  
Clarendon Railway Station (01113)  
Guildford Railway Station (01167)  
Kiama rail underbridge over Princes Highway (01042)  
Loftus Junction Signal Box (01182)  
Moree Railway Station (01197)  
Mortdale Railway Station Group and Car Sheds (01198)  
Mount Druitt Station Group (01201)  
Rhodes Railway Station (01236)  
Seven Hills Flyover (01243)  
Seven Hills Railway Station Group (01244)  
Villawood Railway Station Group (01278)  
Waverton Railway Underbridges (01066)**

### Movable Relics

**Bathurst Railway Station and yard group movable relics (01079) – remaining movable relics to be listed on Bathurst Railway Station SHR listing (01078)  
Berry Railway Station group movable relics (01085) – remaining movable relics to be transferred to Berry Railway Station SHR listing (01084)  
Branxton Railway Station group movable relics (01099) – remaining movable relics to be listed on Branxton Railway Station SHR listing (01098)  
Bulli Railway Station group movable relics (01103) - remaining movable relics to be transferred to proposed Bulli Railway Station SHR listing  
Dubbo Railway Station and yard group movable relics (01131)  
Eveleigh Chief Mechanical Engineer's office movable relics (01230) – remaining movable relics to be transferred to Eveleigh Chief Mechanical Engineers Office SHR listing (01139)  
Goulburn railway group movable relics (01151) – remaining movable relics to be transferred to Goulburn Railway Station SHR listing (01152)  
Grafton City railway refreshment room furniture (01153)  
Gunning railway signal box movable relics (01161)  
Hornsby railway Divisional Engineer's furniture (01069)  
Orange railway administration building furniture (01217)  
Tamworth Railway Station and yard group movable relics (01261) – remaining movable relics to be transferred to Tamworth Railway Station SHR listing (01260)  
Transport House movable relics (01272)  
Werris Creek Railway Station movable relics (01286) – remaining movable relics to be transferred to Werris Creek Railway Station SHR listing (01285)**

from the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment that they may not be of State heritage significance and do not warrant individual listing on the State Heritage Register.

**Further advice - Proposed changes to the State Heritage Register**

There are currently over 250 individual items of rail heritage listed on the State Heritage Register. The majority of these listings were as a result of the April 1999 transfer of items from s.170 Heritage and Conservation Registers maintained by State agencies to the State Heritage Register.

During 2009 RailCorp completed a comprehensive review of its s.170 Register and it was endorsed by the Heritage Council of NSW, State Heritage Register Committee at its meeting of 14 April 2010.

The updated s.170 Register included updated assessments of RailCorp heritage items listed on the State Heritage Register. As a result of the completed s.170 Register review, RailCorp has requested the Heritage Council of NSW to consider:

- listing 6 items on the State Heritage Register assessed as being of 'State' heritage significance, and
- removal of 14 fixed rail assets from the State Heritage Register, that no longer warrant State heritage management, or have been assessed as not meeting the criteria for 'State' heritage significance.
- amending 14 movable State Heritage Register listings, of which 8 will be transferred to existing fixed asset listings on the State Heritage Register and 6 removed from the State Heritage Register.

This represents a modest change to current State Heritage Register listings. The proposed changes are supported by an extensive, thorough and well researched inventory of RailCorp's heritage assets. The updated s.170 Register was based on a sound methodology of preparing a thematic history, a review of existing heritage registers, site inspections and updated assessments by independent consultants. The update included a comparative overview of different asset types in order to assess the rarity and representative values of a place. The methodology used the Heritage Council of NSW assessment criteria to determine whether a place is of State heritage significance.

The proposed changes will ensure the integrity of the State Heritage Register, as a statutory list of items and places which are of State heritage significance and warrant conservation and management for future generations.

Many of the items proposed for removal from the SHR will continue to be afforded protection through listing on RailCorp's s.170 Register and Local Environmental Plan's.

Any recommendations for changes to the status of items on the State Heritage Register are subject to a public advertising and consultation process managed by the Heritage Branch, Office of Environment and Heritage. The Heritage Council of NSW will review any submissions received and make a recommendation to the Minister for Heritage.

At its meeting of 3 October 2012 the Heritage Council State Heritage Register Committee gave notice of intention to consider the listings, amendments and removals from the State Heritage Register. Closing date for submissions is 13 November 2012.

For further information regarding individual items and the listing and de-listing process go to [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au) or contact Stewart Watters on [Stewart.Watters@heritage.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Stewart.Watters@heritage.nsw.gov.au)

For further detailed information regarding specific rail heritage items contact Craig McPherson on [craig.mcpherson@railcorp.nsw.gov.au](mailto:craig.mcpherson@railcorp.nsw.gov.au)