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Good afternoon,

Regarding 780-786 New South Head Road, I would like to support the heritage listing proposal for Hillcrest, as I believe it to be an important historical building and it would be a travesty if the mature gardens, interiors and architectural features were not protected.

It is obviously a building of importance and should not be decimated for reconstruction.

I would be interested in being updated by email on this matter please.

Warm regards  
**Claire Mulder**



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**Respondent No:** 1

**Login:** Dfelders

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Responded At:** Jul 23, 2021 16:50:03 pm

**Last Seen:** Jul 23, 2021 06:38:51 am

**IP Address:** [REDACTED]

Q1. **Would you like to make a submission to the proposed heritage listing of 'Hillcrest' 780-786 New South Head Road, Rose Bay?** **Yes**

Q2. **Your email** [REDACTED]

Q3. **Your name** David Feldman

Q4. **How would you like to make your submission?** Type your submission here

Q5. **Please type your submission here.**

I agree with the planning proposal of the Council to list "Hillcrest" 780-786 New South Head Road Rose Bay as a local heritage item. I live right next door and really love the building and the beautiful gardens

Q6. **Please upload your document.** not answered



**Respondent No:** 2

**Login:** PJR

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Responded At:** Jul 24, 2021 17:27:31 pm

**Last Seen:** Jul 24, 2021 06:21:08 am

**IP Address:** [REDACTED]

Q1. **Would you like to make a submission to the proposed heritage listing of 'Hillcrest' 780-786 New South Head Road, Rose Bay?** **Yes**

Q2. **Your email** [REDACTED]

Q3. **Your name** PJR

Q4. **How would you like to make your submission?** Type your submission here

Q5. **Please type your submission here.**

I agree that 'Hillcrest' including its interiors and gardens should be heritage listed. It is particularly important that its curtilage be retained. From the photographs and reports it appears that the building is in good condition, with some particularly significant internal features including, but not limited to, the fireplaces in Flats 1 and 2, the staff moulds and treatments in the internal walls, the fanlights, and the ceilings. The roof shape is of interest. It is also worth noting that there are public views to the Harbour from the street which are important to preserve.

Q6. **Please upload your document.** not answered

**Respondent No:** 3**Login:** Trudy**Email:** [REDACTED]**Responded At:** Jul 25, 2021 17:32:48 pm**Last Seen:** Jul 25, 2021 06:45:29 am**IP Address:** [REDACTED]

Q1. **Would you like to make a submission to the proposed heritage listing of 'Hillcrest' 780-786 New South Head Road, Rose Bay?** **Yes**

Q2. **Your email**

[REDACTED]

Q3. **Your name**

Trudy Weil

Q4. **How would you like to make your submission?**

Type your submission here

Q5. **Please type your submission here.**

Hello my name is Trudy and I lived with my husband at Hillcrest from around 1983 until 2017. We lived in Apartment 6 - which was one of two apartments on the ground level with our own garden. Living at Hillcrest - the way it was when we purchased it in 1982/3, was probably the happiest time of my life. My daughter in her 20's was beginning her life away from home - and my husband and I moved from a larger house to a two bedroom apartment at Hillcrest. Actually - my husband and I used to sit in a park close by and watch as Hillcrest was restored to apartments back at that time. We would sit and look over this most beautiful building and watch it being painted in heritage colours and talk about the beauty of the building and surrounding landscape. We used to imagine what lives people had lead who lived there and make up our own little stories about it. Only later did we find out it was a part of a kindergarten back in the 1800's and attached to the convent ( if I remember correctly - I'm 88 years old) In 1983 when we eventually moved in - it seemed all our neighbours in the adjoining apartments had the same views of the building as us - we loved it and wanted to care for it - we loved the ancient fig trees and the natural surrounds - this building back then was so appreciated. At that time I made it my personal mission to plant out the gardens that surrounded our unit. These were planted by me and my horticultural friends Rod and Mo, and I guess the idea (not so fashionable now) - was to plant using all sorts of English and exotic species - the area was verdant and full - everything was lush - and I hand watered the plants that needed me to help them on their journey to survive. The area was full of birds of all types - mainly little types of honeyeaters which thrived on the array of flowers that at some point in the year were always in bloom ( If any one at Council would like to see pictures of the garden - I can provide them). But slowly over the years - our little group at Hillcrest moved on and different attitudes came to the fore about preservation. The beautiful old palms became what was called 'a nuisance' - the ancient fig was 'messy' and needed to go - grass needed to be grown to 'neaten' the look. Over time - the desire to change Hillcrest from what it was ... into a 'utilitarian' block of apartments came to the forefront. I have left Hillcrest - and the garden I once designed and tended has been concreted and rearranged. I have felt very sad over the years as I walk past Hillcrest and wonder what will become of it - a building with so much value and history - the idea now that it can be saved has given me some hope and thats why I'm writing this submission.

Q6. **Please upload your document.**

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Our ref: DOC21/517306

Attention: Ms Emma Williamson, Strategic Planner  
[REDACTED]

**Planning Proposal - Local Heritage Listing - 'Hillcrest', 780-786 New South Head Road, Rose Bay**

Dear Mr Swift-McNair

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Planning Proposal to list 'Hillcrest', 780-786 New South Head Road, Rose Bay as an item of local heritage significance under *Woollahra Local Environmental Plan 2014*.

We have reviewed the Planning Proposal and note that the Heritage Significance Assessment prepared by Council concluded that 'Hillcrest' met the threshold for listing at a Local level.

We encourage the identification and listing of new heritage items, provided that all necessary due diligence, assessments and notifications have been undertaken. Prior to finalisation of the Planning Proposal, Council should be satisfied that this is the case.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below.

**Yours sincerely**

**James**

11 August 2021

**James Sellwood** (He/Him)

**Senior Heritage Programs Officer, Strategic Relationships and Planning**

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*I acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians and ancestors of the lands I work across*

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