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Request for an Interim Heritage Order to be made over Killara Bowling Club and Killara Lawn Tennis Club

Dear Mr McKee

I write to advise Council that the Minister responsible for heritage received a request to place an Interim Heritage Order (IHO) over the Killara Bowling Club and Killara Lawn Tennis Club on 1 March 2021.

I understand that the request was originally sent to Ku-ring-gai Council. Council informed the nominator Mr E C Miller that as the items were located within a heritage conservation area, he would need to raise this matter directly with Heritage NSW, and that the minister responsible for administering the *Heritage Act* is the Hon. Don Harwin MLC.

Under the *Heritage Act 1977*, the Minister can make an IHO on an item that is likely to be harmed if he considers that, on further investigation, the item may be found to have local or state significance.

Heritage NSW has undertaken a preliminary review of the Clubs' heritage significance and determined that the Killara Bowling Club and Killara Lawn Tennis Club are not likely to be of state heritage significance, though they may be of local significance.

I note that potential sale of an item does not necessarily constitute potential harm. In this case a decision for sale has not been made, and even if sold there is no current development application to indicate imminent threat or harm.

In these circumstances I have determined that an IHO is not appropriate and Heritage NSW will not progress Mr Miller's request for an IHO over Killara Bowling Club and Killara Lawn Tennis Club.

I have informed Mr. Miller of the decision to refuse an IHO and advised him that the Minister will generally only consider making an IHO to allow further investigation of items of possible local significance if this is supported by the local council as they would have to progress the investigation.

I encourage Council to consider reviewing Killara Bowling Club and Killara Lawn Tennis Club as part of its review of items within the *Springdale Road Heritage Conservation Area* and engage with Mr Miller and the community in assessing the sites local heritage.

If you have any further questions about this issue, please contact Ms Tracy Appel, A/Senior Team Leader, Metro North, Heritage Operations, Heritage NSW on telephone 9873 8559 or by email: tracy.appel@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pauline McKenzie', with a stylized, cursive script.

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