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Hi NBC

For what it is worth I would like to express my opinion that the need for demolition of the Oaklands Homestead seems to be a bit of a far fetched story.

The facts just don't add up.

The homestead was inhabited in 2017 and only 3 years later we have a developer and a heritage consultant stating that the homestead is in too bad a state of repair to be saved? Is there sufficient engineers reports to back up these claims of instability?

Looking through the photos of the property it seems there has been vandalism and mould growing but the integrity of the building still looks largely intact. In the photos pre 2017 the floorboards looked in amazing condition and there was no sign of any dilapidation on any of the walls or ceilings.

I fail to see how this property could not be retained and incorporated into the developers design. This property would make an amazing public space, restaurant or cafe for the local community and any of the 80 new households proposed in the development application.

We work closely with an engineer and would be happy to assist in conducting any secondary investigations into the integrity of the Oaklands Homestead to determine if it truly isn't worth saving. Which I really do find incredibly hard to believe.

If we could please be updated on the progress of this project and if there is anything that we could do to assist in preserving this piece of Sydney's Historical Heritage.

regards
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