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Hello,

Please find attached submission regarding the Development Application at 8 Forest Road, Warriewood for your attention from Shirley Kennard.

Thank you

Kristin Zindel
on behalf of Shirley Kennard

TO Anne Marie Young
Northern Beaches Council

6 February 2021

RE: DA2020/1489

I am fortunate to have been associated with the property, as we knew it, Lot 1, Jubilee Avenue, Warriewood (registered address 8 Forest Road, Warriewood) since 1971. At that time friends lived there and I visited often, and always admired the grandeur of the house and the presence of wildlife in the bush and often in the garden. I then rented the property with other friends from 1979 to 1981. Though at that time it needed an interior paint job, the then nearly 60 year old building was as solid as a rock and had many beautiful features, which included fabulous sandstone foundations (stone quarried onsite), high moulded plaster ceilings, **karri** and **jarrah** wooden floors, a country kitchen with functional wood stove, very functional living room fireplace, wooden panelling and other features throughout, covered and screened wide verandahs on 3 sides. Further tenants subsequently maintained the building well as it was delightful to live in, situated high above the farmland (greenhouses at the time) ensuring cool summer breezes, and backing onto unspoiled bush full of wildlife.

I happily lived in it again from 1996 to 1998. The tenants at that time again had lived there since 1981 and had maintained it beautifully to provide a lovely family home for their small children, one of whom was born in the house. There was a builder amongst them who was very aware of the house's sound structure. These tenants continued to live and maintain the house, garden and surrounding bush until 2006, including saving it from perishing in the bushfires of 1994/5.

I have continued to be interested in the house and very concerned about the encroaching development, wondering whether I would find it gone one day. It is reassuring to know the house had been tenanted until 2017 and obviously kept in excellent condition until then. I was also glad to hear the house, though sold to a developer, was to be kept, restored and maintained alongside pending further development. I am aghast that the current owner/developer has allowed it to be vandalised. It seems possible it was allowed to happen so that they would not have to bother to fulfill their commitment. Apart from it being a very well maintained house (after the original family departed mainly by caring tenants up to 2017), it is a landmark in Warriewood and is a reminder of the farming history so close to the city of Sydney, which indeed farmed food for the city of Sydney, plus of the history of the Yugoslavian farmers who owned it. It shows a shocking but typical lack of interest or sensitivity in preserving history, unfortunately a Sydney-wide phenomenon these days. Please set an example and **do not** allow the demolition of the house to go ahead.

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