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Dear Sir/Madam

Having recently become aware of the impending demolition of the old house on the property Oaklands in Warriewood, I feel impelled to voice my dismay on behalf of the Wilson family. I remember as a child in the late 1940's early 50's visiting my great uncle Ernest and his sister Daisy Wilson at their farm, Oaklands, (their siblings Harold and Florence were deceased and my grandmother Eva died during my infancy). I remember the farm as a well run home whose gardens and turkey/chicken yards provided much of the families needs. Ernest, an engineer, and Harold built the house in the mid 1920s, a lot of the labour undertaken by themselves. Daisy supplemented the family income through her work as an artist, her water colours are pleasant landscapes in the manner of her time, she was trained at east Sydney Technical College the first decade of the century, she and her sister Florence, who excelled in calligraphy also produced several illuminated addresses illustrated by Daisy.

The house may not have been "lived in by Captain Cook", Mr Wong, but this family certainly were a part of the early story of colonial Australia. Their grandfather engraved the first Australian postage stamp and their father was the archdeacon of the diocese of Dubbo. Both Harold and Ernest served in WW 1 and the Boer wars.

The damage sustained by the house in recent years is upsetting and shameful because it shows so little respect to the lives of good people.

Perhaps it worth reconsidering the proposal to demolish this house because it expresses one page in our national story. So much of the domestic architecture of our history is being rapidly erased.

Thank you for your attention.

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