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Dear Mayor Regan,

Sir, re the abovementioned property [current name of Manly/Windsor Lodge?]

There is significant historical and social importance attached to this site.

A. I strongly wish that Town Planning / Historical buildings preservation Committees will , **seriously consider retaining the ground floor facade features which include about six arches and at least ten "barley sugar" twist columns.**

The central front portico had two tall 'twist' columns [one each side of the main entrance], and each of the original four arched, wide windows had a smaller 'twist' column each side of the window.

Currently, above one of the front facade's former arched windows is a coloured glass "leadlight" feature with "22"
[this might have been installed at a more recent date].

B. I do not object to the demolition of this old building, and I do not object to a new 'high-rise' building in its place.

C. Recommend that the above-mentioned facade "features" be retained - either by restoration, or by replacing with new replicas.

D. In addition: An appropriate **Historical Plaque** should be affixed in a prominent place on the facade which outlines the former significance/social history of this site which was formerly named "Keera House" after purchase by CWA of NSW and opened on 7 May 1955 by Manly's Mayor Paine, and CWA of NSW's Mrs. Colin Venn [Foundation member of CWA of NSW].
Mrs. Venn quoted: The new "Keera House" 'holds' 86 people, ...and 'Husbands now welcome to stay with wife and children' !!
Also, Mrs. Venn stated: **"I know Manly is the Mecca of country people, it always has been. When Country people**

come down [to Sydney] they want to see something, and Manly is always full of fun and life for the children" .

Quote: " By 1956, "Keera House" Manly was providing holidays for more than 1,600 people per year."

Mrs. Venn had chaired the "Keera House" Committee since 1924 when the first "Keera House" was established at Dee Why

[Cnr Oaks & Avon Aves., providing holiday accommodation for **16,690** Country women and children "who could enjoy

a rare holiday while obtaining medical and dental care at little or no cost"; in

addition to emergency acc'd'n for ex-servicewomen,

WWII evacuees from Hong Kong and Rabaul, French sailors, flood victims, Craft classes for returned/wounded servicemen, etc.

"Keera House" Dee Why was sold in 1955. "Keera House" Manly was later sold in 1969. Completing 45 years of providing

family holidays at Dee Why and Manly for Country people. For the eleven years prior to 1955, the building at 22 Victoria Parade,

Manly, was "The Gresham" owned then by a Mrs. Ray [Wray?] a CWA member.

Note: some of the above information has been quoted after John Morcombe's historical articles. Other information is from CWA of NSW, and Trove, etc.

Regards,

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