

Heritage Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2019/0211
To:	Claire Ryan
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 910 DP 875567 , 31 The Corso MANLY NSW 2095 Lot 1 DP 877793 , 27 The Corso MANLY NSW 2095 Lot 2 DP 877793 , 25 The Corso MANLY NSW 2095

Officer comments

Further to a review of the available documents and site visit,

In my opinion, the proposal is absolutely unacceptable., because the proposal: The following key points are noted:

- The proposal includes - apparently - about 42 (!!!) signs on The Corso alone. This in effect turns the significant heritage item into a mere advertising structure and erodes its ability to interpret historical themes and its significance to the general public and visitors. On a repeated careful reading, I could not find exact number of signs in the submitted heritage report.
- The said signage includes advertising messages such as: "Stay a while", "Take me home" etc. This contributes to the same effect.
- The proposal includes a "Mural" to Market Lane. The "heritage report" opines that " The proposed wall mural fronting Market Lane upgrades the presentation of this elevation, which is required to consist of required back of house activities, thereby improving the visual environment of this laneway." The said "mural" depicts a female figure in swimming costume, apparently jumping into a cognac glass, with a liquor bottle in the background. In my opinion, it is more likely to offend some people than to upgrade the presentation of the Market Lane, which, coincidentally, also faces the Manly Library.

Recommended Heritage Advisor Conditions:

Nil.