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Dear sir,
Please find attached our submission on the above DA.

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Dear Sir,

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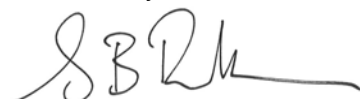
Docomomo Australia has only recently been made aware of the above Development Application to substantially alter and add to the former Mackenzie House, designed by architect and landscape architect Bruce Rickard in 1988. Bruce Rickard was one of the most important and influential architects in the development of modern architecture in post-war Sydney that reflected the so-called "Sydney School". This form of architecture was strongly related to the Organic Architecture being espoused in America by Frank Lloyd Wright and in Scandinavia by architects such as Alvar Aalto. It was an architecture that used natural materials and architecture that reflected the often bush-settings of the post-war Sydney architect-designed houses. His architectural works reflected the design and philosophical influence of American architect Frank Lloyd Wright and his sensitivity to the site and siting of his houses reflected the influence of his Master of Landscape Architecture studies under noted landscape architect, Ian McHarg, at the University of Pennsylvania.

Docomomo Australia is concerned that the proposal does not recognise the importance of the house within Bruce Rickard's late body of work as an important contribution to designing houses suited to the Australian climate and landscape. The existing house respectfully acknowledges the important trees on the site that enhance the views of Pittwater by filtering those views through foliage as well as providing a modicum of sun-shading from the western sun. The current proposal removes those important trees in addition to removing the rear half of the house as well as destroying the top floor living room by removing and rebuilding the roof and integrated sloping ceiling at a higher level. Docomomo Australia urges Northern Beaches Council to refuse the current DA on the grounds of the heritage significance of the house and for the non-compliance of the current proposal to Council's development standards, as highlighted by other submissions.

The former Mackenzie House has only been owned by the commissioning owner prior to its most recent sale. Therefore, the house, according to the real estate photographs used for the sale, remains remarkably intact and reflects the design ethos of Bruce Rickard and his respect for the sensitive site.

Given the importance of Bruce Rickard to the development of post-war architecture in Australia and relatively intact nature of the Mackenzie House, Docomomo Australia respectfully requests Northern Beaches Council to consider making an Interim Heritage Order over the subject property in order to better assess the significance of the house.

Yours faithfully



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