

# *Camden Residents' Action Group*

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## **Media Release**

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The Heritage Council of NSW resolved, at its meeting of 4 October 2017, to give notice of its intention to consider listing **St John's Anglican Church Precinct** on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgement of its heritage significance to the people of New South Wales.

The Heritage Council determined the following about the Precinct:

- its setting is a beautiful landscape comprised of mature and exotic tree plantings and open grassed slopes;
- its centre and focal point is St John's the Evangelist Anglican Church which is the first Gothic Revival church constructed in NSW that was archaeologically correct in its medieval detail;
- the church, and especially its tower and spire, may be aesthetically significant to NSW as part of the regional landscape created by the Macarthur family;
- St John's is an important regional landmark in the picturesque landscape planning used to create the Camden Park Estate, the seat of the Macarthur family and part of a triumvirate of significant points in the landscape, along with Camden Park House and the township of Camden;
- the regional landscape design is potentially of state heritage significance as an important example of early-mid nineteenth century landscape planning;
- each of the precinct allotments was donated to the Anglican Church by the Macarthur's and the family funded the construction of most of the buildings and patronised the operation of the church throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries;
- it is a memorial to the achievements of the Macarthur family in the development of Camden and the Colony of NSW.

Full details are at

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/ViewHeritageItemDetails.aspx?ID=5053423>

The Office of Environment and Heritage on 10/10/2017 advised that members of the community are invited to make written submissions regarding the proposed listing and significance of **St John's Anglican Church Precinct**.

Submissions should be posted or emailed to the Heritage Council of NSW at the following address during the public submission period commencing on **11 October 2017** and closing on **8 November 2017**:

Heritage Council of NSW  
Locked Bag 5020  
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124  
[heritage@heritage.nsw.gov.au](mailto:heritage@heritage.nsw.gov.au)

**Please make a submission in support of the listing to the Heritage Council as detailed above.**

**Also the Minister makes the final decision: please write to Minister Gabrielle Upton to express how important the listing is to the people of NSW and the local community. Her email is [vaucluse@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:vaucluse@parliament.nsw.gov.au). For full contact details see <https://www.crag.org.au/st-johns-church-precinct-sale-community-alert/>**