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Dear General Manager,

Re: 2-4 John Street and 11 Elizabeth Street, Camden

LOTS: 1 and 2, DP: 1246185

DA Modification: 2008/644/10¹

Deletion of condition requiring photographic archival record

As referred to above, we write regarding the tenth modification to development of the former Camden High School site.

It appears there may be a clerical/administrative error in the Mod 10 determination documents affecting Condition 7.0(4) – “Archival Record”.

Our understanding from the exhibited supporting material is that Condition 7.0(4) was intended to be relocated (i.e., retained but moved earlier in the sequencing of conditions) from Section 7.0 (Prior to Issue of Occupation Certificate) to Section 5.0 (Prior to Works Commencing).

However, the Notice of Determination for Mod 10 records 7.0(4) as “Deleted”, and the condition does not appear to have been inserted (or re-expressed) within Section 5.0 or elsewhere in the modified consent conditions. It is missing from the latest (thirteenth) modification approval².

¹ Section 4.56 Modification - Continued use of a cafe in building 1 and amendments to various conditions of consent

² Camden Council 16 January 2026 DA/2008/644/13 - Approved - NOD Modification Approval - Camden Grove - Retirement Vill 2-14 John Street CAMDEN

As referred to in the report to the council meeting³ at which the development was first approved, the site was identified under draft Camden LEP149 as a potential heritage item of historical and social significance. As expressed in our submission on the sixth modification⁴, it is unthinkable that the history of the High School would be lost forever as it played such an important part in the lives of many individuals and the greater community. We suggested that the archival record be placed in the library and made freely accessible to the public. However that is yet to happen, and we take this opportunity to point out that the record is long overdue.

Given the heritage significance of the former Camden High School site, and the fact that an archival record condition functions as an important mitigation/outcome, we ask that Council:

1. Review the Mod 10 Notice of Determination and consolidated conditions to confirm whether the deletion of Condition 7.0(4) was intentional, and
2. If (as seems likely) this was an inadvertent omission during relocation, issue a corrected/amended Notice of Determination and corrected consolidated conditions reinstating the “Archival Record” requirement in the intended location (Section 5.0), and
3. Publish the corrected documents on the DA register (EP&A Regulation 2021 public register requirements) and provide the community with the direct link to the corrected documents.

If Council considers the deletion was deliberate, could you please provide the written basis for that decision and identify what (if any) replacement mechanism now secures an archival record / interpretive outcome for the site.

We note that the EP&A Act provides a pathway for correcting minor errors/misdescriptions in a consent (including conditions), and we would appreciate Council treating this as an urgent administrative correction so the public record accurately reflects the intended outcome.

Thank you for your assistance. We would appreciate an acknowledgement of our concern about this and advice as to the next step to be taken.

Yours sincerely,



Glenda Davis

President

³ Camden Council 8 September 2009 *Meeting Agenda ORD04* p. 13

⁴ Available at <https://www.crag.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/18-August-2021-DA-s4.56-Modification-2-4-John-Street-Camden-CRAG-submission.pdf>