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CAMPBELL BLOCKS 4 & 5 SECTION 38

We have just been advised that there was an invitation to comment on the proposed demolition as part of a referral under the EPBC Act 1999. We note the notice was issued 27 November 2017 and closed 15 December 2017. There appears to have been no general public announcement and despite the National Trust interest by several submissions on the future of the building in 2017, we were not notified of the proposal.

We do however have concerns with the proposal as indicated in previous submissions and we hope that these will be considered as they were submitted in 2017. The concerns we have can be summed up as:

- An independent heritage report identified heritage values with the building.
- An independent heritage report identified natural heritage values with the site (flora, fauna and geological).

There appears no detailed consultation with RAO's and assessment of any indigenous heritage values with the site.

We believe that demolition adversely affects these values.

We also suggest that any development on the site needs careful control from an urban design context as a large building will impact on views from Civic, Mount Ainslie, the Australian War Memorial and possibly other strategic vantage points. These could affect the cultural landscape values of a larger part of Canberra.

We trust that the above concerns can be considered as part of the EPBC ACT referral.

Yours faithfully

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