

Mr Alister Henskens SC MP
Member for Ku-ring-gai
Parliamentary Secretary for Finance and Property,
27 Redleaf Avenue
Wahroonga NSW 2076

27 June 2018

Dear Mr Henskens

RE: Hillview, Turramurra

Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment (FOKE) is deeply concerned about potential threats to the future public ownership of Hillview currently owned by the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital, Northern Sydney Local Health District, NSW Department of Health.

FOKE requests your assistance in:

1. Confirming whether this much appreciated and heritage listed Hillview, Ku-ring-gai's community health facility is under threat from sale or part-sale by the NSW Government?
2. Calling on the NSW Health Department to take immediate action to address the serious state of disrepair that a number of Hillview's heritage listed buildings have been allowed to fall into.
3. Representation to the NSW Planning Minister to rescind the inappropriate five storey zoning (B2, R4, and SP2) on the Hillview site.

As you know, the 'Hillview' estate has enormous heritage significance to Ku-ring-gai. 'Hillview' was named because of its spectacular western views to Botany Bay and the Blue Mountains. Its early history was as a large guest house precinct that included two impressive Federation houses, a garage, known as 'The Stables' (1914); a croquet lawn; a row of significant mature trees; and an impressive stone fence with remnants of elaborately made iron gates. It is the rarest and largest publicly owned heritage property in Ku-ring-gai. Its curtilage that includes the interwar Art Deco former Commonwealth Bank building (1356 Pacific Highway); two Federation terrace shops (1360-1358 Pacific Highway); the original chemist shop (1362 Pacific Highway/corner of Kissing Point Road); and the other heritage listed houses on the perimeter of Kissing Point Road and Boyd Avenue, Turramurra which are of great heritage significance as well.

In 1980 the 'Hillview' property was purchased by Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital, Northern Sydney Local Health District, NSW Department of Health with funds, we understand, donated entirely by the local community.

Since 2015 FOKE has led several heritage walks during our annual participation in the National Trust Heritage Festivals, which have highlighted the importance of this 'Hillview' heritage precinct. We welcome you to join one of our Hillview Heritage walking tours, to be arranged at a mutually

convenient time. We can also provide you with additional research material on the history of Hillview should you wish to read more about it.

FOKE fears that 'Hillview' is under imminent threat and urgently seeks your immediate intervention and assurances that 'Hillview' is fully protected from sale and further neglect.

We look forward to your kind assistance and reply.

Yours sincerely

Kathy Cowley
President