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Attention: Urban Planning

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Dear Mr McKee

RE: S1336 - Planning Proposal Killara Lawn Tennis Club and Killara Bowling Club - Rezone the sites from R2 Low Density Residential to RE2 Private Recreation and to list the sites as a local heritage item in Schedule 5 of the Ku-ring-gai Local Environmental Plan 2015

We are writing to support the Planning Proposal for the reasons below:

The site is wholly within the boundaries of the Springdale Grant Heritage Conservation Area (HCA 21) and as such already a component of the HCA. Being a component of the HCA, the site is already subject to relevant heritage provisions in the Ku-ring-gai Local Environmental Plan 2015.

The Statement of Significance for HCA 21 identifies that it has high significance in a range of areas that are directly relevant to the subject site. The site is a significant landmark within HCA 21.

We understand that the heritage assessment has concluded that the site reaches the threshold for a local heritage listing against the NSW Heritage Criteria.

We believe the proposal to amend the zoning from R2 to RE2 recognises the heritage, cultural and recreational value of the site, ensuring that any future changes will retain the qualities and characteristics of the significance of the place. The site was established for private recreation purposes and continues to provide private recreation for the community and hopefully into the future.

We support the public statements and the efforts of Mr EC Miller who initiated the local heritage listing and quote: "The proposal will benefit Killara and Ku-ring-gai residents. It will preserve the combined site, permanently, for recreation purposes, J G Edwards, the "Father of Killara" intended that the sites be always used for recreational purposes - which use has continued for over 100 years. Mr Edwards considered the members of both Clubs as being the CUSTODIANS of the lands for the benefit of then current and future generations. The combined site is an iconic and irreplaceable asset of our community. Besides recreational uses it is important visually, socially and historically. It is an integral part of the "garden suburb" nature of Killara."

The proposed local heritage listing and rezoning to RE2 has received unanimous support from Ku-ring-gai Council and the Ku-ring-gai Heritage Reference Committee. We understand that members from both the Killara Bowling Club and Killara Lawn Tennis Club have supported the Planning

Proposal along with local MPs the Hon. Jonathan O'Dea and The Hon. Paul Fletcher and also members of the local community. The Ku-ring-gai Local Planning Panel also supported the Planning Proposal.

We thank Council for unanimously adopting the Planning Proposal and look forward to Council:

- Rezoning the sites from R2 Low Density Residential to RE2 Private Recreation.
- To list the sites as a local heritage item in Schedule 5 of the Ku-ring-gai Local Environmental Plan 2015.

We thank Council for the opportunity to submit our comments.

Yours sincerely

Kathy Cowley
PRESIDENT

cc Mayor and Councillors – Ku-ring-gai Council

cc The Hon Jonathan O'Dea MP Member for Davidson

cc The Hon Alister Henskens SC MP Member for Ku-ring-gai

cc The Hon Paul Fletcher Member for Bradfield