



MEDIA RELEASE

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Minister for the Environment called on by community to preserve historic Turramurra

The **Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment (FOKE)** have today called on the Minister for the Environment the Hon. Mark Speakman to ensure that any future development in Turramurra Village respects the heritage of one of Sydney's earliest areas of settlement and historic places.

In particular, it is important that any new developments going into the Turramurra local centre area are in keeping with the village's built heritage and that they do not displace important clusters of heritage buildings such as the Hillview Conservation Area.

Specifically, FOKE has called on the Minister to:

- Ensure any future development respects the built heritage of Turramurra's unique and historic buildings
- Review the zoning of the whole Hillview site and to secure the curtilage of State Heritage Listed buildings by protecting all contributory buildings on site
- An endorsement of the Hillview Conservation Area, recognised through gazettal.

FOKE President **Kathy Cowley** said, "We have had an overwhelming positive response from the community for the Turramurra Heritage Precinct Walk, with over 200 petitions being signed in support by member of the local community. These petitions have been presented to the General Manager and Councillors of Ku-ring-gai Council and a copy of each shown to Minister Speakman. The community wants protection for Turramurra's unique heritage."

Mrs Cowley continued, "Earlier in 2015, around 30 local residents attended a heritage walk through the village of Turramurra, with many people shocked to hear about zoning that could destroy the unity of the Hillview site and detract from the State Heritage Listed buildings there."

"We are hopeful that, as a blue-ribbon heartland, that the NSW Liberal Government will ensure that the heritage of Turramurra is preserved for generations to come. We call on the Environment Minister to ensure that any future development in Turramurra delivers this," **Mrs Cowley** concluded.

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