

Heritage Council of New South Wales
 c/o Heritage NSW
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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Support for Heritage Nomination of 14 Stanhope Road, Killara under Criteria (b) and (d)

Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment (FOKE) strongly supports the nomination of 14 Stanhope Road, Killara for State Heritage Listing, on the basis that it satisfies multiple criteria including **Criterion (b): Association with a Person of Importance**, and **Criterion (d): Social Significance**.

This property is historically significant as the former home of Dr Margaret (Margot) Hentze (1909–1947), a pioneering female academic, economic historian, and international civil servant. Dr Hentze spent her formative years at 14 Stanhope Road and later achieved distinction as one of the first women to be appointed to the permanent lecturing staff at the University of Sydney, where she taught history. Her subsequent international work with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) in post-war Europe further cemented her legacy. Her achievements and contributions to Australian intellectual life are recognised in the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*.

FOKE also supports the nomination under Criterion (d) due to the property's acknowledged social significance. Our organisation has led periodic community walking tours of Killara, highlighting the heritage architecture of the area, including the Stanhope Conservation Area. No. 14 Stanhope Road features on these tours as an exemplar of the Federation-era character and cultural depth of the suburb.

We believe the property holds clear social value to local residents, community heritage groups such as FOKE, and local historians. It is a place recognised by the community as having cultural and historic interest.

Accordingly, we submit this letter to affirm that:

- No. 14 Stanhope Road has heritage value to community organisations such as FOKE;
- It is featured on local heritage walking tours in Killara;
- It has a well-documented association with Dr Margot Hentze, a person of historical significance to New South Wales.

Preserving properties such as 14 Stanhope Road is essential to safeguarding the unique heritage and identity of Ku-ring-gai. We respectfully urge the Heritage Council to give full consideration to its listing.

Yours sincerely,

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