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The Hon Gabrielle Upton, MP
Minister for the Environment, Local Government, & Heritage
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Gabrielle

Dear Minister

I am writing to inform you about a decision made by Woollahra Council on 21 May 2018 regarding the protection of historic pubs. The Council wishes to bring to your attention the community concerns about the loss of historic pubs in the Woollahra Municipality and other areas of New South Wales.

The Council requests the State Government to explore legislative changes that can be introduced to mirror legislative reforms recently introduced in the UK Parliament to protect local pubs.

Pubs are important community assets and provide strong social and historical links. They also have significant economic and employment benefits. Protection of local pubs can be a positive initiative. However, the Council recognises that local planning regulations can provide only one avenue of protection. Primarily this is achieved through local heritage listings which can protect buildings but do not guarantee protection of the business operation. Broader protection through State Government actions should be investigated.

Your consideration on these matters is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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