

The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC

Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy,
Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage,
Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council



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Cr Susan Wynne
Mayor
Woollahra Municipal Council

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Dear Councillor Wynne

Thank you for your letter regarding heritage protection for historic pubs. I appreciate you bringing this matter to my attention.

The recognition and protection of historic pubs and other significant heritage items are provided for through the *Heritage Act 1977* and the local government provisions of the *Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

Woollahra Council has listed several locally significant historic pubs on its Local Environment Plan. I encourage you to consider adding any other locally significant pubs to your Plan and managing their protection through the planning framework.

You may also nominate any historic pubs you consider to be of State significance for listing on the State Heritage Register. Nomination information is available at:
www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/request-a-heritage-listing/nominate-an-item-for-listing-on-the-state-heritage-register.

The NSW Government is developing a Heritage Strategy that will set a new direction for heritage in NSW, addressing key challenges facing heritage now and into the future. An important part of this Strategy will be implementing the recommendations of the 2021 Legislative Council Inquiry into the Heritage Act to ensure heritage legislation meets the needs of the future.

I have also committed to examining the interaction between state planning laws and policies and the heritage system as part of the Strategy. Heritage NSW will be seeking input from local government in developing the Strategy, which may include any concerns relating to protecting historic pubs.

If you have any further questions about this issue, please contact Ms Lucy Albani, Director Policy and Strategy, Heritage NSW, on 9995 6450 or at lucy.albani@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely

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