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Antony Fabbro and Vanessa Holthman
Kur ring gai Council

Dear Anthony and Vanessa,

Proposed Heritage Listing of 207 Eastern Road, Wahroonga

Interim Heritage Order of 22 September 2020

Thank you for the report of Council's architect and heritage consultant, Dr Scott Robertson of Robertson and Hindmarsh Pty. Ltd, on my mother's house.

I very much agree with Council's summary that the property meets the threshold for local heritage listing on the grounds of historic, associative, aesthetic, social, research, rarity and representative values.

I also, on my own behalf and that of my mother and siblings, very much appreciate the recognition given in the report to the imperative of allowing the property to be subdivided. As Council is aware, the decision to sell my mother's house was not an easy one and we were hoping to sell to someone who would respect and value the heritage qualities of the house while at the same time ensuring that my mother would obtain the market value of the property given its subdivision potential. This is especially important given that she is now in aged-care accommodation, and we all know the costs of such care.

The detailed assessment by Dr Robertson of the site, including the positive and practical way forward for its subdivision, is most impressive. The recommendations going to preserving the significant trees (some of which I planted many years ago) are particularly welcomed. I understand that any subdivision will need to be assessed on its merits, but it is clear that Dr Robertson has demonstrated not only that the subdivision will not have any unacceptable impact on the heritage values of my mother's house but also that it will lead to a positive heritage outcome.

Having regard to surrounding developments, I would expect that the "normal" subdivision considerations will be able to be addressed to Council's satisfaction by whoever buys the property.

I ask Council to expedite consideration of the proposed listing so that there can be certainty and so that we may, with that certainty, continue with our efforts to sell the property as quickly as possible, there being a most urgent need for funds.

With my thanks, again, for the empathy and professionalism displayed by both Councillors and Council staff,

Yours sincerely

Piers Laverty