

8.2. MM02: 115-125 Holt Avenue, Cremorne - Extension of Interim Heritage Order

On 23 February 2023 I attended the Independent Planning Commission (IPC) meeting with North Sydney Council in relation to Council's Gateway Review Application in respect of the Planning Proposal to list 115-119 and 125 Holt Avenue, Cremorne as heritage items (group) on North Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2013. The meeting was held via Zoom and attended by Commissioner Peter Williams and staff from the IPC. The following represented North Sydney Council:

- Neal McCarry, Team Leader, Strategic Planning;
- Ben Boyd, Acting Manager, Strategic Planning; and
- Lisa Trueman, heritage expert (author Godden McKay Logan heritage report).

The purpose of the meeting was for Council to address the purpose of the Gateway Review application and to answer any questions from Commissioner Williams. Council was exceptionally well served by the presentations from Neal McCarry, Ben Boyd and Lisa Trueman. Transcripts of the meeting will be published by the IPC in due course.

However, during consideration of the timing of the expiration of the current Interim Heritage Order, Council staff reminded Commissioner Williams that on 31 January 2023 the State Heritage Register Committee considered Council's request for the Minister to issue a new IHO in respect of these properties. The minutes of the committee meeting state that the Committee made the following recommendation to the Minister for Heritage, James Griffin MP:

Recommends that the Minister make an Interim Heritage Order over the property at 115,117 & 119 Holt Avenue, Cremorne, commencing on 11 March 2023.

Moved by Dr Brian Lindsay and seconded by Ms Colleen Morris

Ms Lisa Trueman left the meeting for the duration of this agenda item.

It is clear that the Minister has had that expert advice from his own Committee for more than 3 weeks. On 3 March 2023 the "caretaker period" commences prior to the State Election to be held on 25 March 2023.

It is a matter of urgency that the Minister act before 3 March 2023.

I therefore recommend:

1.THAT Council **urgently** write to the Minister for Heritage urging, in the strongest possible terms that he act immediately to make an Interim Heritage Order over the property at 115,117 & 119 Holt Avenue, Cremorne, commencing on 11 March 2023.

**COUNCILLOR ZOË BAKER
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