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**Letter of Support - Listing on the State Heritage Register:
Rushcutters Bay Park and Yarranabbe Park,
Waratah Street and New South Head Road, Rushcutters Bay:
and New Beach Road, Darling Point.**

AILA NSW supports the listing of Rushcutters Bay Park and Yarranabbe Park on the State Heritage Register (SHR). AILA recommends these parks be listed on the SHR as they exhibit values not only outlined in the nomination for the SHR but, they also meet requirements for significant landscapes set out by the *AILA Landscape Heritage Report* (Hay, Morris and Quoye, 2018), an award winning document, supported by Heritage NSW, with ten nominated NSW significant landscapes currently with the Minister for consideration.

Rushcutters Bay Park and Yarranabbe Park contribute significantly to the 'green necklace' identified in the *AILA Landscape Heritage Report*: mapping of current green space surrounding the harbour, Figure 1, Sydney Harbour (Six Maps and CAB Consulting 2017 in, Hay, Morris and Quoye, 2018, p.37.) and highlights the close relationship of cultural values with the landscape:

- 'Sydney Harbour landscapes
- confluence of Aboriginal and European use of the land,
- Aboriginal and European use of the waterbodies,
- human response to topography and soil,
- drainage catchments visual catchments and view corridors,
- highly valued...public parks and foreshore reserves (that may form a serial listing proposal) and
- the history of AILA NSW, significant work by landscape practitioners, particularly... outstanding examples of landscape architecture. (Hay, Morris and Quoye, p.35)

The 1886 design by Engineer Frederick Augustus Franklin, influenced by Sydney Botanic Gardens Directors, Charles Moore and Joseph Maiden and Overseer for the Domains, James Jones, and thus English and French design of the 1870's, as explained in the nomination, is an important precursor of Landscape Architecture in New South Wales.

Further validating the cultural values, in relation to these two parks, is a recent publication, 'Changing Landscapes'¹ by Emeritus Professor Helen Armstrong AM, including analysis mapping work by Professor Craig Burton (Figures 2 & 3), in *Paddington: A history*. It appears this will be referenced in the listing.

The listing Rushcutters Bay Park and Yarranabbe Park will ensure that thorough reviews be conducted prior to any developments, and that qualified, experienced professional heritage consultants and landscape architects be engaged in the review process.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ Armstrong, H pp. 256-285 in, Young, G (ed.) 2019. *Paddington: A history*, New South and The Paddington Society.