



Australian Institute of
Landscape Architects

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The Hon. Donald Harwin, Bec (Hons) MLC
Special Minister of State,
Minister of Public Service, Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts
Department of Premier and Cabinet
NSW Government
52 Martin Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Honourable Minister Harwin, MLC,

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) congratulates you on your appointment as Special Minister of State and Minister of Public Service, Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts. We are pleased to note the recent listing by your office of Hampden and Richmond Bridges on the State Heritage Register.

Landscape architects represent a profession increasingly leading debates to influence policy-making to deliver exemplary outcomes for our cities, towns, regions and their inhabitants. We bring together other disciplines, to generate better, more integrated outcomes. We are active on infrastructure development teams of all types, often leading, connecting, facilitating and navigating to help achieve shared outcomes.

The work of New South Wales landscape architects is increasingly being recognised nationally and worldwide for our unique skills in creating liveable cities, healthy active spaces and sustainable design outcomes for all people. The AILA NSW Landscape Heritage Conservation Listing Project identified ten State Heritage Register (SHR) landscape nominations. A significant outcome of this work is to propose the 'Green Necklace' of significant places in Sydney Harbour. The ground-breaking work is recognised by National Trust (NSW) and AILA (NSW) awards and recently AILA National President's Award;

"The specialist heritage team initiated a program to support the nomination of cultural landscapes for the NSW State Heritage Register (SHR). The project motivates dialogue about cultural landscapes, their management and importance as valued places. The project team presented an innovative methodology and provided evidence of multilayered engagement with the NSW Heritage Division throughout the process. This project is highly replicable, and the jury is certain it will inform future cultural landscape studies. ...It is innovative, novel, and scalable. Impressively, it serves as a model for 21st century notions of heritage and cultural landscape envisioning connectivity and regional scale landscape amenity for green corridors and connectivity as well as individual projects and sites of note." **AILA NSW Awards 2019**



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“This project proposed a collaborative model for the State Heritage Register nomination of cultural landscapes, focused on a vision for the Sydney Harbour ‘Green Necklace.’ Its Landscape Lens methodology and ‘a whole of landscape approach’ successfully broadens long-held limitations defining curtilage beyond cadastral boundaries to visual and water catchments”- National Trust NSW Awards 2019.

On 12 December 2018, AILA submitted the nominated 10 State Heritage Register (SHR) landscapes for consideration by your office. Please confirm the status of the SHR landscape nominations. In line with the AILA NSW (SHR) landscape nomination requirements, AILA NSW encourages your office consider protecting the context and landscape character of the Hampden and Richmond Bridges, this is integral to the heritage status of each structure.

Please advise how the changes to the position of the Office of Heritage will ensure protection of the ten landscape recognised as having significant heritage value and how AILA NSW could assist and work with your office to protect heritage landscapes. More information on the AILA Landscape Heritage study can be found [here](#).

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Lee Andrews,
Acting President of Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (NSW)