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AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (AILA) SUBMISSION

Landscape Heritage : 'Glenlee'

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Preface

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) is the peak national body for the Landscape Architecture. AILA champions quality design for public open spaces, stronger communities, and greater environmental stewardship. We provide our members with training, recognition, and a community of practice, to share knowledge, ideas and action. With our members, we anticipate and develop a leading position on issues of concern in landscape architecture. Alongside government and allied professions, we work to improve the design and planning of the natural and built environment.

In operation since 1966, AILA represents over 3,500 landscape architects and promotes excellence in planning, design and management for life outdoors. Committed to designing and creating better spaces in Australia, landscape architects have the skills and expertise to improve the nation's liveability through a unique approach to planning issues via innovative integrated solutions. In doing so, landscape architects contribute towards better environmental, social and economic outcomes for all Australians.

A central purpose of the AILA (NSW) Landscape Heritage Group is to inform, inspire and enrich the culture of the discipline of landscape architecture in Australia and particularly the identification and understanding of both natural and cultural landscapes in NSW together with the role of such knowledge in the processes of planning and design.

Statement

The Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) **SUPPORTS** the proposed listing of 'Glenlee', Lugarno on the State Heritage Register.



Background

We are writing in response to notification by Dr Natalie Blake, A/Manager (South) Heritage Programs, Heritage NSW, Department of Planning and Environment, as a Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW on 12 July 2022, that 'Glenlee', Lugarno is under consideration for listing on the State Heritage Register. We have considered the nomination and community concern including the listing on the National Trust Register.

Recommendations

AILA understands 'Glenlee', on the eastern side of Lugarno Peninsula to be of State heritage significance as a rare, intact incised Triassic Hawkesbury Sandstone River valley landscape of shared history and abundant biodiversity, possibly influenced by volcanic breccia of the Lugarno Maar-Diatreme and shell deposits.

Potentially part of the Green Grid, 'Glenlee' is connected by foreshore reserve to Hurstville National Heritage Park and Gannons Park to the north, across Lime Kiln Bay to Hurstville Golf Club, across Boggywell Creek to Lime Kiln Head (Oatley Park peninsula). These linked parcels of Lugarno Peninsula public parkland and riparian foreshore and are narrowly separated by private landholdings. H.V.Evatt Memorial Park, extends from the ridge west to the confluence of Salt Pan Creek and Georges River.

Public foreshore access extends eastward between Great Moon Bay and Lance Point. The garden and bushland of 'Glenlee' connects the ridge and east slope to the foreshore, at the confluence of Boggywell Creek and Lime Kiln Creek, opposite Lime Kiln Head, forming an iconic scenic quality within the local, regional and state context. 'Glenlee's existing plant communities include mature Sydney Hinterland Apple-Blackbutt Gully Forest (ID 3615)¹, Red Bloodwood, Grey Gum, Sydney Peppermint and exotic garden plantings. The definition and extent of the Foreshore Scenic Protection Area is currently under review², 'to create tangible, evidence-based protections while allowing for future development that enhances biodiversity and scenic values'.

We share community concern that multiple dimensions of landscape heritage, all important for community interpretation of heritage at state and national level, are not adequately protected from unsympathetic future development, including;

- Aboriginal heritage, including Rock Art, grinding grooves, middens, and a manipulated creek bedrock waterhole³.
- the intact setting of first "collaborative" contact⁴,

¹ NSW State Vegetation Type Map Trees near me NSW Vegetation, Integrate BioNet Vegetation Data Program. [Datasets.seed.nsw.gov.au](https://www.seed.nsw.gov.au)

² Georges River Foreshore: Foreshore Scenic Character Study 2021. Ethos Urban (unpublished) <https://www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/StGeorge/media/Documents/Environment/FAQ-Foreshore-Study.pdf>

³ AHIMS <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/awssapp>

⁴ Robert Hayworth, in 'The Several 'Discoveries' of Sydney's Georges River: Precursors to the Tom Thumb Expedition', *Journal of Australian Colonial History*, Vol. 14, 2012, pp. 171-190. University of New England.



- the curtilages of heritage listed stone paths, jetties, terraces and wells representative of early European hinterland settlement⁵ and
- Georges River foreshore, of 'significant landscape value' and 'very high sensitivity'⁶,

and could be, as a whole, protected and considered for Council acquisition in the public interest and for biodiversity.

AILA provide our support for State Heritage listing 'Glenlee' for rarity, intactness and the likely high degree of representative significance as a landscape of inhabitation by fauna and flora, the Bidjigal and European settlers. **AILA recommends rigorous research be carried out by qualified Registered Landscape Architects to assess the qualities of the place as a whole, and to guide the landscape conservation policies, planning and management.**

Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the listing under consideration. We would be pleased to provide further consultation and information.

Yours sincerely,

Sincerely yours,

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⁵ National Trust Register Listing Report, Lugarno Early Settler Precinct Landscape Conservation Area, Landscape Conservation Committee (G. Quint), December 2019

⁶ Georges River Council Foreshore Strategic Directions Paper 2018, page 114