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AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (AILA)

SUBMISSION

Landscape Heritage: 'Gooriwal cultural landscape'

Address: **Stingray Harbour, Kamay – Botany Bay, NSW: including;** 35-40R Endeavour Avenue, La Perouse; 56R, 63R, 67-73 Yarra Road, 5-35R Koorringai Avenue, Phillip Bay; Elaroo Avenue, Phillip Bay; Yarra Road, Phillip Bay; Timberly Reserve; and sections of Frenchmans Bay and Yarra Bay.

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 'Gooriwal cultural landscape, 56R, 63R, 65R, 67-73 Yarra Road, Phillip Bay.

BACKGROUND

The proposed listing, as updated in October 2022 includes:

"the proposed SHR curtilage situated on the north-eastern side of Botany Bay, between the Port Botany shipping container port and the La Perouse headland. It comprises the reserves, beaches and waters of two small bays, Frenchman's Bay and Yarra Bay, and includes Yarra Point, which divides the two bays. The curtilage extends from the eastern side of Bumborah Point in the north, to the southern end of Frenchmans Beach, bounded by the line of the north-eastern section of loop of Anzac Parade. Its eastern boundary largely follows the boundary of the reserves - residential areas are located beyond this boundary. On the western side, the curtilage includes the waters and seabeds of Kamay Botany Bay within a line running south from the eastern side of Bumborah Point to Yarra Point and then from Yarra Point to the northern edge of La Perouse Point.

The curtilage excludes the former La Perouse Aboriginal Mission and Reserve site, which is integral to the story of the area though not included in the curtilage as it has a separate listing as an Aboriginal Place."

Connection to Country principles are intrinsic to AILA's support of Landscape Heritage listings. In recent years AILA is guided by the NSW Government Architect Connection to Country framework. A recent AILA Landscape Festival of Architecture conference: 'Country', sought to gain a deeper understanding of Country in the practice and culture of Landscape Architecture, and recorded the findings in a 'Tracking Report'. The themes and critical thinking that emerged from this will guide policy and inform our approach to this listing. As a result, AILA support making Country 'visible', health and wellbeing of Country, support systems for authentic access to lands, ICIP protocols and practices are amplified, and a strength-based culture of including First Nations voices and interdisciplinary cooperation is supported. The history of the Yarra Bay House, Yarra Bay and Frenchman's Bay Reserves in relation to the first Aboriginal community in Sydney to win freehold land title is of international significance and accords with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.



The Gooriwal landscape in association with Captain James Cook, Joseph Banks, Captain Arthur Phillip, the expedition of Comte de la Perouse, including Francois Peron and Matthew Flinders, and first contact between First Nations people and European settlers, is of international significance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

As a place of immense spiritual, social, historical, scientific and cultural significance to the La Perouse Aboriginal community and as landscape heritage of exceptional significance to all people, the landscape under review is a threatened marine and terrestrial coastal and estuarine habitat and the locus of internationally significant events related to shared history of settlement and first contact, considering the following;

1. The historical notes could go further to encompass the geological, geomorphological and ecological evolution of the coastal, estuarine and marine environment.
2. AILA supports the expression of a deeper understanding of Country in heritage listings. Further work to critically convey the shared history contained in State Heritage listings could be achieved through a workshop or study similar to that achieved by the AILA Landscape Festival of Architecture conference: 'Country'.
3. Noting in general, the word 'landscaping' should be replaced by landscape design. It is valuable to future decision makers that the listing includes the history of the design and the people responsible.
4. The curtilage as indicated must include the Former La Perouse Aboriginal Mission, associated with the proposed listing, and adjacent on three sides, until the declared Aboriginal Place is comprehensively and effectively protected. The inclusion of all sea areas from Bumborah/ Molineaux Point to the southern tip of Bare Island, and including Astrolabe Cove, is strongly recommended. Additional inclusion of all places from which it is visible, historically connected or supports seagrass marine nursery habitat, such as the coastline to Cape Solander, across the mouth of Stingray Harbour to Kamay (Cape Bayley and Cape Solander), westward to Towra Point and across to Bumborah/ Molineaux Point is advisable. See Figure 1: sketch of recommended curtilage attached.

Noting these considerations, the AILA Landscape Heritage Committee commends the proposed statement of significance of Gooriwal cultural landscape and supports its listing in the State Heritage Register.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The AILA Landscape Heritage Group and AILA Connection to Country Committees welcome further consultation on the Gooriwal cultural landscape, and the Aboriginal Mission, Yarra Road,



Phillip Bay, and associated coastline and marine areas of Stingray Harbour, Botany Bay – Kamay, NSW and their curtilages, as required.

Sincerely yours,

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23.01.2023 *proposed curtilage*
Gooriwal cultural Landscape
Stingray Harbour, Botany Bay, Kamay, NSW. *Minimum for curtilage, Gooriwal cultural landscape*
 Recommended for inclusion by AILA.

Figure 1: AILA sketch of recommendation for inclusion in sea curtilage, Gooriwal Cultural Landscape, Stingray Harbour, Botany Bay - Kamay, New South Wales.



State Heritage Register - Proposed Curtilage for Investigation:
Gooriwal Frenchmans Bay and Yarra Bay cultural landscape
(under consideration)

La Perouse
Plan:3298



Scale: 1:8,000 @A4
Datum/Projection: GCS GDA 1994
Date: 4/11/2022



Proposed Curtilage

- Land section
- Sea section
- Land Parcels
- Roads
- LGAs
- Suburbs