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Letter of Concern - Lindfield Learning Village, Former UTS Ku-ring-gai Campus

Joshua Zeunert, AILA NSW Chapter President and the AILA Landscape Heritage Group have considered concern raised by AILA members regarding Lindfield Learning Village, (former William Balmain Teachers College, Ku-ring-gai CAE, UTS Ku-ring-gai Campus), 100 Eton Road, Lindfield, NSW.

AILA Landscape Heritage Group and the AILA NSW State President understand the change in use of the site, the bushfire risk and current bushfire protection codes for bushfire prone areas. However, it is important to recognise this as a highly significant landscape, to be conserved where possible and respected in its reinterpretation. AILA recommends;

1. The values of the original landscape design be identified, and its significance assessed by a Landscape Architect, qualified and experienced in Heritage Conservation (the site is listed on the National Estate).
2. Refer to the design philosophy and approach in Bruce Mackenzie’s ‘Design with Landscape’ for further information.
3. Bruce Mackenzie to be consulted in the preparation of the Assessment of Significance and prior to changes to the design.
4. Design and Management Principles to be prepared to inform the design changes and future management of the site.
5. A requirement that Qualified and Experienced Landscape Architect(s) be engaged at all stages of the project to ensure changes are sympathetic to the original design.

Yours sincerely,

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AILA NSW Chapter President (Acting)  
per Joshua Zeunert, AILA NSW Chapter President

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ii Mackenzie, B. 2011, Design with landscape, Bruce Mackenzie  Design, Sydney