

**Submission
No 279**

INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977

Organisation: Ultimo Village Voice

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Heritage NSW

Dear Sirs

Re: Review of NSW Heritage Act, 1977

Ultimo Village Voice (UVV) is a community group in Ultimo and has supported local residents, provided an avenue to gain information on important issues that impact the local area and benefits from the collective knowledge of long-term residents. Further, UVV liaises constructively with State and City representatives to drive positive community and local business outcomes. UVV has been instrumental in developing improved safety and design outcomes in many recent developments in the local area.

We welcome the opportunity to provide feedback on the review of the NSW Heritage Act, 1977.

Ultimo comprises a mix of residential terraces and converted warehouses as well as medium height buildings. It is important to preserve this unique characteristic of our local area.

In general terms, we support:

- heritage places to be protected when there are conflicts in different planning legislation, especially to prevent over-shadowing by over-development
- the heritage protection process must continue to be an integral part of the town planning and development application processes in order to strengthen the protection from new developments that would be to the detriment of a heritage building's original function
- the associated department to represent the interests of the community and heritage owners to provide guidance and oversight during the planning process

In particular, we request:

- the entire Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo to be heritage listed

In summary, we support heritage policy/legislation and action that protects the multitude of heritage values.

Regards

Chair, Ultimo Village Voice

Ultimo Village Voice (UVV) was established in 2004 and is the official successor organization to the Ultimo Precinct Committee sanctioned by the City of Sydney and relied on by the Lord Mayor to provide resident feedback, advice and guidance to many matters related to aspects of the maintenance, development and administration of Ultimo. We meet a number of times per year with the Lord Mayor, Council Members and City Officers to that end.

UVV generally meets at 6:30 pm on the first Thursday of the month (February to December) at the Ultimo Community Centre (40 William Henry St, Ultimo, entrance from Bulwara Road). Currently the meetings are held mainly in a virtual format.