

Petition Calling for Sirius to be Retained for Social Housing

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly in NSW

This petition of the people of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House:



The Sirius building was designed by Theo (Tao) Gofers in 1975 for the Housing Commission, purpose built for social housing for families and older people, with level security lift access and built-in distress alarms. Inner City Social Housing is in high demand and should be retained to meet the needs of the community. Sirius was built in response to community opposition to Sydney Cove Redevelopment Authority plans to demolish historic buildings along the western side of Circular Quay in order to build high-rise office towers, supported by the early 1970s Green Bans. The building was listed by the National Trust in 2014 for its architectural and social significance. The building is a rare, representative example of Brutalist architecture and an early example of rooftop landscape gardening. Sirius has a long and strong association with past and present residents of the Millers Point and The Rocks community, including descendants of maritime workers.

The undersigned petitioners ask that the Government retain the Sirius building for social housing.

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| Received 5/6/18 | Alex Greenwich | |
| at 11am | I certify that this Petition conforms to the requirements of the Standing Orders | |
| Minister Coward. | Helen Minnicom Clerk of the Legislative Assembly | |
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Please return to Alex Greenwich MP. Ground Floor 21 Oxford St Darlinghurst 2010