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The Hon. Don Harwin, MP

52 Martin Place  
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Dear Minister Harwin

We are writing to you with the knowledge that 105-153 Miller Street, North Sydney (the MLC building) has now been referred to you by the Heritage Council of NSW for State Heritage listing.

The Australian Institute of Architects (the Institute) is pleased the Heritage Council of NSW has, after much deliberation and study, made this decision which recognizes the MLC building's crucial importance in our State's cultural history. We trust the Minister will uphold this well-considered determination and finalise the State Heritage listing as soon as is practicable.

The Institute understands the building, in its current state, needs significant works to ensure its viability as a commercial entity into the future. We do not believe, however, that this justifies its demolition or that of any building of historical significance which is not in pristine condition.

In 2021 we all understand that urgent action is needed as we face the challenges presented by climate change. Policy frameworks must be in place to encourage the alteration, retrofitting and rebuilding of our current building stock to achieve more sustainable outcomes. There are a number of ways the current framework could be further developed and the Institute would welcome the opportunity to work proactively with government to discuss this and assist in the process of delivering high quality adaptive reuse outcomes for significant buildings in NSW, now and into the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Concannon'.

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