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The Hon. James Griffin MP
52 Martin Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister Griffin

We are writing to you with the knowledge that 105-153 Miller Street, North Sydney (the MLC building) has, due to a technicality, had its State Heritage listing revoked.

Clearly, former Minister Harwin made the decision to heritage list recognising the MLC building's crucial importance in our State's cultural history. We trust, as the new Minister, you will uphold this well-considered determination and move to renew the State Heritage listing as soon as is practicable.

The Institute understands, as do all stakeholders, 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. A serious precedent would be set if this building were allowed to be demolished.

The Institute would welcome the opportunity to explain in further detail the many reasons this building is of high significance and we extend an offer to work proactively with government to assist in the process of delivering high quality adaptive reuse outcomes for important buildings in NSW, now and into the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Cockburn'.

Laura Cockburn FRAIA
NSW Chapter President

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.