

11 February 2016

The Hon. Mark Speakman SC MP

Minister for Heritage
GPO Box 5341
Sydney NSW 2001



Australian Institute of Architects

Dear Minister,

Re: Sirius Building, The Rocks

I write this letter as the Chair of the Save Our Sirius, Save Our Heritage Foundation; not my usual position as President of the Australian Institute of Architects (NSW).

I have taken on this additional task because of my deep conviction that the Sirius building in The Rocks is worthy of State Heritage listing, and that it could have a real economic future housing a mixed community of social, affordable and private occupants.

Our group is aware the NSW Heritage Council unanimously recommended State listing in December 2015. We also believe that the Heritage Council was interested in making further recommendations regarding the future use of the building, but was constrained by time limitations and a lack of a clear set of economic options (such options usually being supplied by experts in development economics).

Our group has access to experienced architectural and development expertise and would be most willing to work with the Heritage Council to help elaborate the economic options available. We would also ask for a meeting with you at your earliest opportunity to open up dialogue on the future of this important structure.

We are aware of the urgency of this matter, so are happy to meet at your earliest convenience at a place which suits you.

Yours sincerely,

Shaun Carter
President AIA NSW
Chairman Save Our Sirius Foundation