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## MEDIA RELEASE

### COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, COUNCILS UNITE- PUBLIC MEETING OPPOSING PLANNING LAWS

The National Trust (NSW) and the Local Government Association of NSW will hold a public meeting tonight to oppose changes to the planning laws currently before State Parliament.

The organisations are just two of many demanding a Parliamentary Public Inquiry into the laws.

Speakers at the meeting will include President of the Local Government Association, Cr Genia McCaffery, the Conservation Director of the National Trust Graham Quint, the Director of the Total Environment Centre Jeff Angel, lawyer and planning expert John Mant, Activist Jack Munday and the Mayor of Ku-ring-gai Council, Cr Nick Ebbeck.

Graham Quint says this is the last chance to SAY NO to the proposed laws that will severely undermine heritage protection in NSW and greatly reduce the rights of residents and local communities to protect their properties.

“People will be shocked by the damage that will occur to local heritage if this legislation is passed,” Mr Quint said.

“Any heritage buildings that are not heritage listed will be at risk of demolition without any community consultation.

“At the current rate of progress it would take another 420 years for all State Significant properties to be listed and protected.”

Cr Genia McCaffery said the public meeting was being held in response to a wave of concern in local communities across the state.

“Thousands of residents have been calling and emailing their local MPs and their councils raising concerns about the laws,” Cr McCaffery said.

“The changes will significantly impact on local services, the rights of residents, and the look and feel of our neighbourhoods, so the outrage is understandable.

“A full and open parliamentary public inquiry is required so that the impact of the changes on communities and the environment can be properly assessed.”

**Meeting details:** Tuesday 3 June, 6pm, Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn Street Sydney.

**Attachment:** Significant heritage sites/ buildings that are currently not on the State Heritage Register.

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**Attachment 1: Significant heritage sites/ buildings that are currently not on the State Heritage Register.**

- Parkes Radio Telescope
- Snowy Mountains Scheme
- Very few of the Seidler houses are listed - Rose Seidler House is the only one that is identified as such.
- Sydney (Centrepoint) Tower
- Sydney Showground, Moore Park - now Fox Studios.
- Juanita Nielsen's house in Victoria Road, Woolloomooloo
- WW2 Fortress Command Post, Rodney St, Dover Heights
- WW2 Underground Command Bunker, Bankstown area.
- Bankstown Airport - Developed in WW2 for RAAF and USAF, includes Kingsford-Smith's old hangar (not on Commonwealth list either).
- Small Arms Factory, Lithgow
- Mt Panorama Raceway, Bathurst.