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The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC

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CC: Mayor, other Councillors, Chris Minns MP

Dear Councillor ~~Ambihaipahar~~ Ash,

Thank you for your email regarding the Glenlee property at Lugarno.

As you would be aware, Glenlee is now included as a local heritage item on the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021. The local heritage listing protects the site's heritage values. Aboriginal sites and objects within the property are protected under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

I recognise the importance of Glenlee to the local Georges River community and to Sydney's heritage. I know that many in the community are distressed that the site is up for sale, and are worried about who might buy the site and their future plans.

At the time of writing, to the best of my knowledge, there are no offers being seriously considered for the site.

I have carefully examined the question of whether I am able to issue another Interim Heritage Order. I know that this is what many local community members are asking for. However, I am advised that legally I am unable to make this Order at the present time. The reason is that the site being for sale is not considered a "threat of harm". If this situation changes, then there may be grounds to issue an Interim Heritage Order.

That being said, I am working with Heritage NSW to consider what options exist for the heritage protection of Glenlee. I am keen to discuss this with Georges River Council and as such, I will be writing directly to the Mayor and interested councillors to request a meeting.

I will be asking the Council to work together with me to develop an ongoing, long term solution for Glenlee. This is not something Government can do alone. I know there are many Councillors – including yourself - keen to work with Government to solve this issue.

Sincerely

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