

The Hon Penny Sharpe MLC

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Dear Mr Tuxford

Thank you for your letter regarding the sale of Glenlee, Lugarno. I appreciate you advising me of Georges River Council's resolutions from its meeting on 22 April 2024.

I recognise the importance of Glenlee to the local community and appreciate Council's commitment to protecting this important heritage place.

I am advised that there is no legislative power under the *Heritage Act 1977* or the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* to force entry, or allow Council to force entry, to a residential property for the purpose of conducting an assessment. I support your intention to contact the new owner to seek access and undertake your assessment.

The existing local heritage listing on the Georges River Local Environmental Plan 2021 (LEP) provides protection for Glenlee's heritage values under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The local heritage listing only applies to *House and setting*, "Glenlee", as named in the heritage schedule (Schedule 5) of the LEP. Council can update its LEP to specify that the potential moveable heritage at the property be included in the local listing.

Aboriginal sites and objects within the property have protection under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. I understand that suspected Aboriginal objects reportedly collected in the 1960s may be stored at the property. Although these objects may have been collected prior to the enactment of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, this has been referred to the relevant Compliance and Regulation team at the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

If you have any further questions about this matter, please contact Ms Anna London, Acting Director Heritage Programs at Heritage NSW, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water on 9873 8500 or at heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Penny Sharpe".

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