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Hon Frank Sartor MP  
Minister for Planning  
Department of Planning  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister Sartor

Re: Proposed changes to NSW planning system

This Association represents about 300 members in Northbridge, which is part of the city of Willoughby.

While many of the proposed reforms are acceptable to this Association, we object strongly to several of them as they affect our beautiful, historic suburb. These include:

- The use of private companies to approve residential development applications without any notification to neighbours and with no means for a neighbour to object to them;
- The reduction in S94 fees from developers that would otherwise be used by local councils for services such as libraries, parks and playgrounds; and
- The use of generic building codes that will ignore the views of the community about how its suburb should look.

We urge NSW government to defer consideration of the proposed legislation until a more comprehensive community consultation process is put in place and the strong views of the community are heard.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Becroft". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

John Becroft  
President

Copy: Willoughby councillors