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Chinese Australian Forum of NSW Inc

ABN 51 130 412 996
PO Box 876, Turramurra, NSW 2074

28 March 2012

His Worship the Mayor
Randwick City Council
30 Frances Street
Randwick NSW 2031

Dear Mayor

Re: Randwick Draft Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012

The Chinese Australian Forum ("CAF") strongly supports Randwick City Council's ("RCC") draft LEP 2012 with respect to the proposed rezoning of the Phillip Bay Market Gardens site from 2B (Residential B) to RU4 (Primary Production Small Lot).

CAF's reasons for endorsing the RCC draft LEP 2012 are as follows:

1. The Market Gardens were State Heritage Listed in 1999 for their historical, agricultural and social significance to Sydney and New South Wales.

2. The site was used by local Aboriginal communities before the arrival of European settlers and has been used for more than 150 years since as market gardens, first by Europeans, then by Chinese immigrants.

3. The Lands Department Draft Assessment report ("Report") of 2008 was requisitioned in response to an application by the Botany Cemetery and Eastern Suburbs Crematorium Trust ("Trust") for the land to be handed over to the Trust for use as burial plots.

4. The Report determined that the site was a low-lying alluvium floodplain with a high water table and therefore not suitable for use as burial sites. The Department's conclusion was that the site "would most likely require significant engineering works" to overcome these constraints.

5. The Report however concluded that the site was highly suitable for agricultural use.

6. The Report further advised of the existence of significant environmental and ecological features that could be found in the area, including:
    - The presence of endangered and vulnerable species of fauna and flora
    - Wetlands which provide suitable breeding and foraging habitats for a variety of birds, amphibians and reptiles
    - A change of land use will severely impact upon all of the above

7. The Chinese Market Gardens site is acknowledged as possessing some form of tourism value

8. The produce of the Chinese Market Gardens benefits the whole Sydney population, not just the Asian communities. Some 40% of produce is sold locally, the other 60% being sold to greater Sydney

9. Local residents of the Phillip Bay area support the preservation of the market gardens, as evidenced by signed petitions

While acknowledging the competing needs of community land use, the loss of these gardens will mean the end of another slice of Sydney's proud heritage, a site with an activity that dates back to the earliest European settlement in Australia.

The Chinese Australian Forum encourages Randwick City Councillors to support the rezoning plans for the site, from 2B (Residential B) to RU4 (Primary Production Small Lot) in accordance with Randwick Draft LEP 2012.

Yours sincerely
Patrick Voon
President
Chinese Australian Forum
Email: patrickvoon@bigpond.com

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Victoria Gavan

From: Kwok Mimi [mimikjp238@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, 31 March 2012 6:16 PM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Draft Comprehensive LEP

I,President of Asian Australian Community Services Inc., fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage-listed Chinese market gardens site from Residential to RU4 (Primary Production Small
Lot). Mimi Kwok,J.P.

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2 April 2012

The Officer in Charge
LEP Review
Randwick Council
LEPreview@randwick.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir,

Re: 'Draft Comprehensive LEP

We write in support for the proposed rezoning of the Market Gardens site from Residential to RU4 (Primary Production Small Lot. Hence, we fully support the Council's Draft LEP proposal to rezoning of the whole of the heritage listed Chinese Market Gardens site.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Anthony Pun, OAM

Vice-President

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 2 April 2012 10:09 AM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Councils LEP

To whom it may concern

With reference to the Council's Draft LEP, I fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage–listed Chinese 7ha floodplain market gardens site from Residential to RU4 (primary Production Small Lot).

Please ensure this land is available for primary production there are so many benefits to this action.

Best wishes,,,,,,,, [redacted]

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]au]
Sent: Monday, 2 April 2012 10:50 AM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Chinese market gardens Matraville

With reference to the Council's Draft LEP, I fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage–listed Chinese 7ha floodplain market gardens site from Residential to RU4 (primary Production Small Lot).
The market gardens grow fresh food for us. Without them we would need to transport all they produce for long distances. This will add to the CO2 pollution. And is a flood plain really suitable as a burial ground?

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 2 April 2012 12:36 PM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Draft Comprehensive LEP

To: *The Manager,*
Randwick City Council.

With reference to the Council's Draft LEP, we fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage-listed Chinese 7ha floodplain market gardens site from Residental to RU4 (primary Production Small Lot).

We strongly believe that land suitable for producing food and/or for residential housing should not be used for burials.

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 2 April 2012 9:14 AM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Draft Comprehensive LEP

To whom it may concern,

RE: Draft Comprehensive LEP.

In reference to the Council's Draft LEP, regarding the proposed rezoning of the Market gardens site I fully support the proposed rezoning of the entire heritage-listed Chinese market garden site from Residential to RU (primary Production small lot), because of the important historical and cultural associations of this land with Australian- Chinese history and the social history of food production in Sydney.

Yours sincerely

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 2 April 2012 8:43 AM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Draft Comprehensive LEP - Chinese Market Gardens

Dear Sir / Madam

With reference to the Randwick City Council's Draft LEP currently open for public comment, I fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage–listed Chinese 7ha floodplain market gardens site from Residential to RU4 (primary Production Small Lot).

Please preserve this productive and culturally significant site for continued use by food producers and the community.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 29 March 2012 12:12 AM
To: LEPreview
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Draft Comprehensive LEP

I fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage–listed Chinese market gardens site from Residential to RU4. Please reserve some green community space.

[redacted]

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Victoria Gavan

From: [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, 17 March 2012 3:25 PM
To: Joanna Hole
Subject: Chinese market gardens

I support the Councils proposed rezoning of the market garden site from residential to RU4.

[redacted]

D01449296

Victoria Gavan

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, 18 March 2012 8:39 PM
To: Joanna Hole
Subject: Rezoning of market garden site

Dear Joanna Hole,

I wish to submit my support of Randwick City council's proposed rezoning of the market garden site from residential to RU4 (Primary Production Small Lot).

It is so important for this land to be able to continue its production of fresh food for the people of Sydney.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 2 April 2012 8:04 AM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Draft Comprehensive LEP

To whom it may concern:

With reference to the Council's Draft LEP, I **fully support** the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage–listed Chinese market gardens site from Residential to RU4 (primary Production Small Lot). I support the views that this is a Heritage Listed site and has significance to the history of the Chinese Australian Community.

Regards,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 2 April 2012 9:42 AM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Draft Comprehensive LEP

With reference to the Council's Draft LEP, I fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage–listed Chinese 7ha floodplain market gardens site from Residential to RU4 (primary Production Small Lot).

Although high density living is recommended for future sustainability, especially so close to the City, I also feel that some visual/cultural diversity is needed, along with preserving the heritage aspects of the Market Gardens which have been part of the Randwick area for so many years.

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 2 April 2012 5:55 PM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Market gardens

To whom it may concern,

With reference to the Council's Draft LEP, I fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage–listed Chinese 7ha floodplain market gardens site from Residential to RU4 (primary Production Small Lot).
These gardens add to the richness and complexity of our local environment.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 March 2012 9:50 AM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Drasft Comprehensive LEP

With reference to the Council's Draft LEP, I fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage-listed Chinese market gardens site from Residential to RU4 (primary Production Small Lot). I cannot accept the argument that heritage has to give way to finding more burial sites for a cemetry. With urbanisation open space can only get scarcer not more. The proper and sensible solution to a perceived problem is to encourage every one to cremate their dead.*Those who prefer burials should look for sites away from the city.*

Thank you for your attention

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, 1 April 2012 7:40 PM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Chinese Market Gardens

With reference to the RCC's Draft LEP, I fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the Heritage-Isted Chinese 7 Ha fllodplain market gardens site to RU 4 (Primary Production small lot). This was my husband's wish before his death as well, and probably influenced his decision to be cremated rather than be buried (taking up valuable space in the cemetery).

Yours faithfully
[redacted]

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From: [redacted]]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2012 11:55 AM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Randwick Draft LEP 2012

To whom it may concern

I am writing in support of Randwich City Council's proposed rezoning of the market garden site from residential to RU4 (Primary Production Small lot).

This will be a great outcome for all concerned and very much appreciated.

[redacted]

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"One's life has value so long as one attributes value to the life of others, by means of love, friendship, indignation and compassion"
Simone de Beauvoir (1908-1986)

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 2 April 2012 9:30 PM
To: LEPreview
Subject: chinese garden

With referance to the council's draft LEP I fully support rezoning of the whole of the heritage listed chinese 7 ha flood plain site from residential to RU4

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 March 2012 11:43 AM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Draft Comprehensive LEP

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Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the Council's Draft LEP, I fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage-listed Chinese market gardens site from Residential to RU4 (primary Production Small Lot).

Kind regards

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 March 2012 4:28 PM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Draft Comprehensive LEP

Dear Sir/ Madam

With reference to Council's Draft LEP, I fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage-listed Chinese Market Garden site from Residential to RU4, (Primary Production Small Lot). My views are based not only because the market garden site is an invaluable part of Sydney's history and heritage but with the expanding population of Sydney and the increasing need to have ready access to fresh vegetables rather than designating market gardens to the city fringes, it is imperative that these market gardens are allowed to continue to function over its current usage area of 7ha.

Yours faithfully

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, 28 March 2012 3:34 PM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Draft Comprehensive LEP

To whom it may concern:

With reference to the Council's Draft LEP, I fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage–listed Chinese market gardens site from Residential to RU4 (primary Production Small Lot).

The market gardens' site is not only an important piece of land, but also and foremost an extremely important part of the history of Sydney, as well as a fundamental component of the history of the Chinese community in Australia.

Markets are often treated as sites for the exchange of economic goods and tradable products, emphasizing the economic side of their materiality. This is, of course, extremely important. But in the case of the market gardens, I would also like to emphasize the significant added historical and cultural value. It is indeed a site of collective identity that deserves to be preserved. The group identities that have emerged in this site throughout the painstaking labor of Chinese settlers are part of the transnational history of Australia and China, and have contributed to the creation of the multicultural society where we live today.

In my opinion, the preservation of this site should be seen as a valuable asset both for the Randwick Council and the City of Sydney. I am part of an international research group that is interested in the history of Chinese marketplaces. The rationale for our research derives from the recognition of their enormous value as sites of tangible and intangible heritage that, unfortunately, often risk to disappear, with the consequence of a serious loss of traditions and cultural practices. I sincerely hope that this will not be the case for the market gardens and the opposite will occur: the preservation of an extremely important historical site.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 30 March 2012 11:28 AM
To: LEPreview
Subject: [redacted]T Comprehensive LEP

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With reference to the Council's Draft LEP,

Thank you for this opportunity to give input to this debate,
I fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage–listed Chinese market gardens site from Residential to RU4 (primary Production Small Lot).

I also repeat the arguments I have previously sent expressing my concern that on environmental / ecologically sustainable grounds as well as for reasons of preservation of heritage and humanitarian vallues, these gardens should be kept for primary production as proposed.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, 30 March 2012 12:39 PM
To: LEPreview
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Chinese Market Gardens at Botany- DRAFT Comprehensive LEP

To Whom it May Concern,
I concur with the statement below and support the retention of the gardens as per previous discussions.
Regards

[redacted]

----- Original Message -----
[redacted]
To: LEPreview@randwick.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 11:27 AM
Subject: Chinese Market Gardens at Botany- DRAFT Comprehensive LEP

With reference to the Council's Draft LEP,

Thank you for this opportunity to give input to this debate,
I fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage–listed Chinese market gardens site from Residential to RU4 (primary Production Small Lot).

I also repeat the arguments I have previously sent expressing my concern that on environmental / ecologically sustainable grounds as well as for reasons of preservation of heritage and humanitarian vallues, these gardens should be kept for primary production as proposed.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 2 April 2012 8:26 AM
To: LEPreview
Subject: I support the Randwick Couincil's draft LEP and support the zoning of the 7 hectare chinese market gardens floodplain from residential to small lot primary production

Morning staff and councillors

I am a fervent supporter of the continued need for 7 hectares of the heritage listed Chinese market gardens to exist in totality. We need food producing areas to expand not contract as we prepare for widely publicised world food shortages.

Please proceed to ratify the Randwick municipality draft LEP and rezone the floodplain Chinese heritage listed market garden to small lot primary production.

Viewing the ABC program LANDLINE broadcast yesterday, viewers were left in no doubt about the importance of food production land to local community and the Nation.

Sincerely

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18th March 2012

Re: Draft Comprehensive LEP

I wish to commend Randwick Council's listing of the heritage item, the Phillip Bay Chinese Market Gardens, and for zoning this land asZone RU4 Primary Production Small Lots, with the inclusion of the specific clause in the explanatory notes for this zone:

> To protect the Phillip Bay Chinese Market Gardens and its significant heritage, cultural, ecological, aesthetic and agricultural values as a valuable community resource.

The significance of this place to understanding the history of land use and horticultural production as well as the history of Chinese occupation and economy in a Sydney wide context is extremely important.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

D0145974

[redacted]

The General Manager
Randwick City Council
Sydney
general.manager@randwick.nsw.gov.au

Sunday, 1 April, 2012

Dear General Manager and Councillors,

DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN: support for retention of Chinese Market Gardens, Phillip Bay

My submission is directed to a request to retain and conserve the Chinese Market Gardens, Phillip Bay. From media coverage[i], I understand that their continuation is threatened by encroachment of Botany Cemetery to change the use of this land from vegetable growing to burial plots.

Randwick City Council is privileged to have such a fine heritage asset that supplies fresh vegetables to people in inner Sydney. Their continued protection represents a tribute to the local Chinese community and enables Australian-Chinese people to have links with their social ancestry.

Within Randwick local government area, the continuing presence of these Gardens provides visual relief from the built environment. For local children and local schools, the presence of these Gardens provides apriceless symbol for the value of locally grown, fresh food. With the growing recognition of the greater place of vegetables in healthy diets, Randwick City Council could promote awareness of the Gardens and their produce among the local communities.

These Gardens have potential to become a better known tourist attraction, especially for Sydneysiders on day walks and bicycle rides.

I urge you to retain the land use for the purpose of the Chinese Market Gardens when finalising the draft LEP for submission to the NSW government.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Council's draft LEP, although I have not had access to the requisite document and accompanying map. Although I live just outside Randwick area, in Surry Hills, I frequently travel into the Randwick area to visit friends, local business, and UNSW. On some weeks, I manage to buy some vegetables that have been grown at the Gardens in Phillip Bay!

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

[i] "Growing vegies becomes a question of life and death" *Sydney Morning Herald*, 7-8 January 2012.

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]com]
Sent: Friday, 17 February 2012 7:54 AM
To: General Manager
Subject: Cemetery

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I want to show my opposition to turning more land into cemeterys randwick. They are horrible.
There is so much land out west where people can get buried.

Thank you

"Do1459349

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, 2 April 2012 4:41 PM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Draft Comprehensive LEP - Chinese Market Gardens

Dear Sir / Madam

With reference to the Randwick City Council's Draft LEP currently open for public comment, I fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage–listed 7ha floodplain La Perouse market gardens site (Phillip Bay) from Residential to RU4 (Primary Production Small Lot).

1. The rezoning to RU4 recognises the traditional and current use of this land as well as the State Heritage Listing.

2. The rezoning to RU4 is compatible with recommendations contained in the Draft Crown Lands Assessment published in 2008 and available on the internet. This document was later revised supposedly 2010 -but not made available on the internet - to include cemetery uses but the original author's name was removed and there were inconsistencies in the text indicating that the document had been hurriedly revised, eg. it was still 'draft' in the footer and there were other references to 'draft status'.

3. The rezoning is consistent with RCC statements on sustainability, living locally, and recognising climate change. The 7ha property is floodplain.

4. There are other opportunities for accommodating additional gravesites, eg. using contaminated sites that are not fit for agriculture and residential, reappraising zoning under 3 Ports SEPP, redesigning cemeteries, reuse of grave sites, taking a whole of Sydney Basin approach.

5. This rezoning demonstrates leadership by Randwick City Council as local food security is gaining attention. I refer you to this latest video at UNSWTV at www.laperousemarketgardens.wordpress.com and other material posted on the site.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, 1 April 2012 10:37 PM
To: LEPreview
Subject: The need to keep the Market gardens

Dear Randwick Council

I have followed with dismay the possibility that the Chinese Market Gardens might be subsumed into Botany Cemetery. No doubt multiple submissions have addressed the important heritage issues associated with the gardens but an additional matter is the increasingly important need for us to limit our food 'miles'. Burial grounds are much better suited to being located on the outskirts of cities as they are visited rarely and by few people. Food, however, should be grown as close to its markets as possible. The market gardens therefore should be retained and even honoured as they play such a big role in providing the fresh vegetables that our international visitors marvel at.

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, 1 April 2012 2:26 PM
To: LEPreview
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Randwick Ccl - Draft LEP - Chinese Gardens

The Manager,
Randwick Council,
Sydney.

Dear Councillors,

DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLAN

Council currently has on exhibition a draft **LEP.** Submissions on the future of land-use were invited, with a closing date of 2 April 2012.

This is a plea for the retention and preservation of the Chinese market gardens at Phillip Bay. I understand that Botany Cemetery wishes to subsume the gardens in order to expand its burial operations.

The gardens should be retained for the following reasons -

1 - They add diversity to the land uses in the Council area, which helps make the municipality more interesting. The rise in home unit developments in the municipality in recent years has contributed to the opposite, undesireable effect.

2 - I understand the gardens have been granted Heritage status. This should be respected.

3 - The municipality has a strong and honourable Chinese heritage. The gardens provide a link to that past. They reflect the strong rural work ethic of generations of Chinese gardeners, both here and in wider Sydney. To that extent they can be regarded as an historic Icon of Sydney's past and inner-suburban rural activities.

4 - The gardens can provide a valuable educational facility for the municipality's children.

5 - The gardens, given their uniqueness, have potential as a tourist attraction. The writer frequentiy shows local and overseas tourists the gardens. Without exception, the visitors always express delight and surprise.

Thank you for accepting this submission. The writer can be contacted on [redacted]

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[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, 1 April 2012 4:49 PM
To: LEPreview
Subject: Draft Comprehensive LEP

Dear sir/madam,
With reference to the Council's Draft LEP, I fully support the proposed rezoning of the whole of the heritage–listed Chinese market gardens site from Residential to RU4 (primary Production Small Lot). Due to its location on the floodplain I believe this land is best used for primary than any other use. In addition to public's increasing interest and expectation on food issues such as availability of fresh food, food miles, locality and our sustainability future this is Council's best and possibly the only chance to secure this piece of land within the municipality area to be dedicated to production of fresh produces.

Due to my ethnic background I have become aware of these Chinese market gardens at La Perouse is one of the most significant and oldest cultural heritages that hold the vital history of early Chinese living in Australia. This is also one of the last surviving Chinese history in Sydney region while over the last decades there were many that were lost in areas such as Alexandria, Waterloo as well as north shore suburbs of Willoughby and Northbridge. I hope that Randwick Council will be successful in helping Sydney's Chinese community to protect this vital heritage. Chinese heritage like this means a lot to every Chinese in Australia.

Yours Sincerely,
[redacted]

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