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Hon Simon O'Brien MLC  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
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Dear Chair,

## **Petition 87 – GUILDFORD HOTEL RESTORATION**

Thankyou to the Committee for the invitation to provide a written submission in regards to the Petition No 87 – Guildford Hotel Restoration, I tabled on 21 May 2105.

The devastating damage caused by a fire to the Guildford Hotel has had a massive impact on the local community. With the years passing the disappointment has grown into frustration, as the heritage building weathered many winters.

During this time, I have repeatedly met with many local residents, business owners and representative groups, all expressing their desire to see a restored hotel.

Over the years I have also continued to engage with the owners, to ensure that this historic local icon is restored and honoured.

I am pleased to say that restoration has commenced and the hotel is planned to be opened by the end of this year.

As I am sure the Committee can comprehend, the current economic climate is not conducive to local business operators, let alone the requirement of taking on more debt. At this time, any ventures are risky, even for the most adventurous investor.

In order to manage the risk of the investment required to restore a heritage listed hotel of this calibre, the owners are seeking to develop an apartment style, multiple dwelling with commercial space, on the rear of the block.

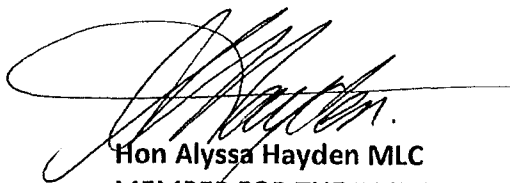
The feedback from the local community in general has been a positive one, with many of the groups and individuals who strongly advocated for action, pleased with the outcome. I have also meet with a small group who are advocating to protect the Guildford heritage precinct, who are not supportive of the development height.

As a local member, I feel it's important for the Committee to understand and consider the below facts;

- Guildford is a heritage tourism destination, the Guildford Hotel is an iconic landmark and attraction.
- The overall community desire is to see the hotel restored.
- A small number within the community are opposed to the height of the development to the rear of the block. There are a number within this group who would accept losing the hotel over this additional development if required.
- The developers will need to comply with State Heritage and the Local Government to ensure any development will complement and respect the Town of Guildford's Heritage.
- Part of the State Government's Directions 2020 plan, is to encourage infill and affordable housing options in and around town centres and transport hubs.
- The Guildford train station is located opposite this site and is supported by the current car park area of 118 bays, with an additional 350 soon to be opened.
- Increased population in the Town of Guildford will support local business.

Mr Chair, I support a development that will complement the Town of Guildford and respect the heritage of the Town, to the rear of the Guildford Hotel site. I understand that economic viability is required not only for the short term, but more importantly the longevity of the development.

Yours sincerely



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