

19 August 2015

The Hon Mark Speakman SC MP  
Minister for Heritage  
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SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister

### **Sirius Building, The Rocks**

I write to support listing of the Sirius Apartment Building at 36-50 Cumberland Street The Rocks on the State Heritage Register.

This building has significant built and social heritage value, and there is strong community support for protection of the structure and recognising its history in providing low cost housing.

Key heritage groups have stated the high value of the Sirius building as a rare example of brutalist architecture that is largely in original condition. This is a landmark building in a high profile position with very high levels of public awareness. The building is worthy of strong heritage protection.

Most importantly, the Sirius building is also of very high value for its social heritage, with links to modern settlement of The Rocks, local working history and the more recent Green Bans movement and low cost housing provision. I have worked with the local community on government plans to sell social housing in this precinct and am very aware of the strong sense of community and maritime links.

Given the major redevelopments associated with Barangaroo and already underway in the Sydney CBD, it is vital that this high value heritage be protected.

***I strongly support listing the Sirius Apartment Building on State Heritage Register.***

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich  
**Member for Sydney**

