

16 May 2018

The Hon Gabrielle Upton MP
Minister for Heritage
NSW Parliament
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Dear Minister

Minerva Theatre/Metro Cinema: 2420013

I write to support listing of the Metro Cinema/Minerva Theatre at 28 Orwell Street Potts Point on the State Heritage Register.

Constituents have contacted me about the sale of this 1939 property, raising concerns that there are limited protections for this single storey Inter-War Art Deco style corner building designed by Charles Bruce Dellit. The Office of Environment and Heritage recommends the building be retained and conserved, with no vertical additions, no alterations to the façade, retention of the principal room layout and original ceilings, cornices, joinery, flooring and fireplaces.

Reports indicate that the Metro Theatre building was used for groundbreaking theatre productions such as Hair and as a production studio for films such as Mad Max, Babe and Happy feet.

The Metro Theatre is listed on the City of Sydney's 2012 Local Environment Plan, item I 1150, including the interior of the building. The Art Deco and Modernism Society of Australia has supported state heritage listing. I support calls for listing on the State Heritage Register to provide increased protections for this building.

I ask that you list the Metro Cinema/Minerva Theatre on the State Heritage Register.

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich
Member for Sydney

