

1 April 2021

Mary O'Kane
Chair
Office of the Independent Planning Commission NSW
Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street
Sydney NSW 2000

RE: MLC Building, North Sydney (Former) – Request for advice on proposed listing on State Heritage Register

Dear Ms O'Kane,

Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) is writing to you to express our support for Investa's goal to deliver a net zero carbon building at 105 Miller Street, North Sydney. Our path of net zero buildings is clear: fossil fuel free, highly efficient buildings, powered by renewables, built with lower upfront carbon materials, and offset with nature. We understand Investa aims to ensure this path is met for the site on 105 Miller Street, North Sydney and commend them for their efforts.

GBCA is an industry association for Australia's sustainable development sector, with a mission to drive the creation of more sustainable, liveable cities and communities. With a membership that encompasses organisations across the public and private sectors, we have worked closely with governments at all levels in Australia to help shape policies and develop initiatives that make meaningful contributions to emissions reductions and climate change adaptation.

Today, GBCA works to accelerate the decarbonisation of Australia's built environment sector through our advocacy, education and Green Star, our rating system. Buildings are responsible for up to 39% of carbon emissions and 50% of global materials usage so any actions that deliver net zero carbon buildings will enable us to deliver decarbonisation in line with the Paris Agreement.

Please let us know if there's anything else that we can do to help.

Regards,



Davina Rooney
CEO
Green Building Council of Australia