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**From:** Daryl Charles [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 22 April 2020 8:23 PM  
**To:** IPCN Enquiries Mailbox  
**Subject:** SCEGGS Darlinghurst Concept and Stage 1 SSD 8993

Dear Sir / Madam,

As a former Sceggs Darlinghurst parent and therefore member of the extended school community, I am fully supportive of Sceggs optimising it's limited land for necessary floorspace and school facilities. However, I raise the following objection to the proposed development.

My comments pertain to the part of the development on the corner of Forbes Street and St. Peter's Lane (Wilkinson House)

The proposed development has plenty of talk about heritage, but very little substance. Gwydir Flats, now Wilkinson House was designed by Emil Sodersten, a highly significant architect in Sydney.

Can we even imagine the Darlinghurst/ Potts Point area without his existing buildings; Cheddington, Kingsley Hall, Birtley Towers, Werrington and others.

Then there is his lovely City Mutual Life building in the CBD and the War Memorial in Canberra.

The Forbes street-scape is unimaginable without this building - that's why it is a heritage listed building!!

Walking south up Forbes street from William Street presents an architectural essay on the history of Sydney. To remove Wilkinson House would seem to me an unimaginative and soul-less idea in the context of this unique precinct.

Sceggs was historically a boarding school. Destroying Wilkinson House also severs this important link, since it was once the school boarding house. Many of us feel it is integral to the look and feel of the school.

Please consider my objection and let's save Wilkinson House. Better than that, let's re-imagine the existing building's use and embrace a beautiful structure.

Regards,

Daryl Charles

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