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Contribution ID: 32792  
Member ID: 12803  
Date Submitted: Sep 14, 2023, 11:20 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

It is a significant Harry Seidler building the roof & forecourt and lobby. Unique.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

Harry Seidler was my father

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

The Harry Triguboff protruding canopy should be removed as it is of no heritage significance

Response No:  
2

Contribution ID: 32789

Member ID: 12802

Date Submitted: Sep 14, 2023, 07:15 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

No, I do not support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

I visited from the US in 1988, came back and was married in the synagogue in 1991  
I have been serving the community in the premises since 1992  
together with my wife who was a student in the college, we established 'Our Big Kitchen' in 2007, and since Dec 2012  
have has overall responsibility for the Center and its many community services to the Jewish and wider community.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I am in the Synagogue every day, I live nearby, and have an interest in architecture

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

The primary reason I do not support the proposed heritage listing, is that a heritage listing will significantly inhibit  
any changes we will need to make as a result of our ever changing needs, and I strongly feel that serving the  
community should take precedence in matters of this nature, without imposing the constraints that come with  
heritage listing.

Response No:  
3

Contribution ID: 32788

Member ID: 5457

Date Submitted: Sep 14, 2023, 06:52 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

No, I do not support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I am a Woollahra resident, past Waverley resident and of Jewish faith. Over the past 15+ years, my family and I have visited the place various times. In my opinion the architecture and general building appearance is very unimpressive, although it has been renovated and upkept over time it is certainly not worthy of a heritage listing. I am aware that the council did a heritage study years ago and it was not found to be heritage-worthy at the time, so I am suspicious of why suddenly now it is being looked at again. When I compare it to other synagogues that I frequent, it is one of the least special designs compared to The Great Synagogue, Emanuel Synagogue and Central Synagogue. It is also known to be one of the least used synagogues in the area which is already full of many bustling synagogues.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

In this central area of Bondi that is so highly in demand of more housing, I hope that the building could be made free of restrictions so it can add much-needed apartments to the area, matching most of the streetscape and even adding to it with a more aesthetic modern design. Of course I hope it will still retain some community use too. I also hope that the Our Big Kitchen community centre could be moved to a much more accessible location. Please consider the community group who use the space, and renters who are desperate for more supply of apartments in this area, who would benefit from keeping this off the heritage list.

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

I fully support the May 2023 Heritage Assessment prepared by Hector Abrahams Architects - the Harry Seidler-designed buildings of the former Sydney Talmudical College at 34 Flood Street, Bondi have significant historical, associative, aesthetic, technical, community and research values which make them worth of local heritage listing in Waverley Local Environmental Plan.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I respect the architecture of Harry Seidler and the social history of Sydney Talmudical College, which as Sydney's only yeshiva, a centre of Rabbinical studies, has been historically significant for its role in the recovery and resurgence of Jewish life and learning in Australia in the aftermath of the Holocaust.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

The recent rezoning of 34 Flood Street from SP2 Educational Establishment to R3 Medium Density Residential by the NSW Department of Planning places the property at risk of redevelopment, it is vital that the heritage values of the Seidler-designed buildings, with their deep historical and social associations, receive heritage protection.

Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 32780  
Member ID: 10458  
Date Submitted: Sep 14, 2023, 03:04 AM

**Q1** Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2** Please explain

Long Text

**Q3** What is your connection to this building?

Long Text

I live nearby.

**Q4** Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Long Text

Response No:  
6

Contribution ID: 32708

Member ID: 8348

Date Submitted: Sep 11, 2023, 11:19 AM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

I have worked in two Harry Seidler office buildings and think his architecture should be preserved, especially as this particular building is a synagogue too

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I was interested in the architecture before I knew it was a synagogue. The half dome shapes always caught my eye. My sons now have lessons and attend communal activities by the groups that use the premises for Jewish learning. I have also attended certain services there. It is a wonderful place filled with joy by those who utilise the space and there is no other space quite like it. It is a secure and peaceful place that I hope continues to be enjoyed by the community many many years into the future.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
7

**Contribution ID: 32688**  
**Member ID: 12772**  
**Date Submitted: Sep 10, 2023, 03:53 PM**

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

I attended the communal synagogue as a child. Even if Quorum numbers are 'low' now, it does not mean that in time the institution can not once again flourish. We are talking of land that was designated/set aside by Community Elders of the Holocaust Generation for community purposes: For Prayer, for Help of those in Need, for gathering of Families, for Inspiration through Sharing Words of Scripture, for Play for Children, for Singles to Meet, for gathering of Community.

I believe it should be retained as communal property.

It is of historical significance to members of the Jewish community - it was built by the generation of Holocaust survivors.

It would be a shame to see sanctified communal land being sold for profit.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I attended the communal synagogue as a child. Even if Quorum numbers are 'low' now, it does not mean that in time the institution can not once again flourish. We are talking of land that was designated/set aside by Community Elders of the Holocaust Generation for community purposes: For Prayer, for Help of those in Need, for gathering of Families, for Inspiration through Sharing Words of Scripture, for Play for Children, for Singles to Meet, for gathering of Community.

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It would be a shame to see sanctified communal land being sold for profit.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 32681

Member ID: 12766

Date Submitted: Sep 10, 2023, 08:00 AM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

The historical significance of the work and concerns that we are erasing history to pave the way for overdevelopment of the area.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I'm Jewish and want to see historical buildings preserved.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

I am concerned about the over development of the area and the strain on utilities, roads and the overall area that is increasing. Decisions about urban planning are more and more in the hands of developers who are making purely financially beneficial decisions, without respect to heritage or consideration about the ability of the area to absorb more multi-dwelling buildings.

I would like to see more studies on the ability of our roads to handle the dramatic increases of residents that we are experiencing. From a local resident's view, we are passing the point where quality of life is going to begin to decrease.

Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 32674

Member ID: 12764

Date Submitted: Sep 09, 2023, 12:39 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

I support the proposal for this unique marvel we have in the council and as a dedication to the finest architect Australia has produced

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

Bondi resident and part of the Jewish community

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
10

Contribution ID: 32670

Member ID: 9245

Date Submitted: Sep 08, 2023, 05:42 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

Significant architectural contribution to the placeming of spiritual experience.

**Q3 What is your connection to this buidling?**

Long Text

I walk past it weekly on my way from Bondi to Bondi junction - it is a feature of the neighbourhood that is interesting and unusual.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
11

Contribution ID: 32656

Member ID: 10199

Date Submitted: Sep 08, 2023, 11:10 AM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

I am a local Architect. As a local resident, a Sydneyite, an Australian, regardless of being an Architect, I confirm this important, iconic building must be preserved.  
See what terrible, criminal things have been done internally to the barrel vaulted ceiling. The interior is also heritage. Maybe instruct that it should be rectified. It looks like an Amazon goods distribution facility.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I pass it regularly and enter occasionally

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
12

Contribution ID: 32655

Member ID: 12761

Date Submitted: Sep 08, 2023, 10:55 AM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

We must protect the vista of the street

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I live on Flood st

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
13

Contribution ID: 32653

Member ID: 2533

Date Submitted: Sep 08, 2023, 10:47 AM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

Due to its significant design and historical value.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I live nearby and walk past it all the time. The architecture is of historical significance to the local community and all Australians and should be preserved.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

Every building of any heritage and historic value needs to be protected and cared for. This building is one of the best examples of early Jewish worship in Bondi when the congregation was just starting after WW2. It is irreplaceable in our Jewish history and in our hearts. This is especially so as the Jewish Architect who designed it went on to be one of NSW's most important and award winning designers in our history.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

My friends and family have attended the synagogue and school plus I acknowledge the importance of the architect and architecture which has to be protected

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

I do not want Mr Triguboff to destroy this site which is so important to the Jewish people who value it's special place in our short history. We cannot put money and greed before History, Heritage, Pride and Iconic buildings as we have already lost far too many.

Response No:  
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Contribution ID: 32601

Member ID: 12744

Date Submitted: Sep 06, 2023, 08:45 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

It is an iconic building with an important history in the building of a Jewish community in Australia. I do not believe there is an architecturally similar synagogue in the world. It is particularly significant that it was built for an Orthodox religious Jewish congregation.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

The synagogue also served as a 'cheder' which I walked to daily after school for religious instruction as a child in the 1960s, as well as attending the synagogue on the Sabbath. I recall that the unique multi arched roof had a story attached to it of how it came to be designed.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Politics aside, the building is one of it's kind and of historic and cultural significance to the general and Jewish community.

Response No:  
16

Contribution ID: 32594  
Member ID: 9213  
Date Submitted: Sep 06, 2023, 03:04 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

As a Harry Seidler building it is important to preserve this building.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

This building is quite historic to the Jewish community.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

This is an incredibly valuable heritage building, designed by one of the most important Australian architects. Its loss would be felt globally. Seidler's legacy is essential to preserve. Furthermore, demolition of buildings leads to the loss of embodied carbon energy, a poor decision given the urgency of the climate crisis.  
I am the Head of School Architecture at UTS, I would happily speak publicly or write something for publication in defence of this importance building.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I live nearby (in Tamarama) and am Jewish. My main interest is an architectural historian and proponent of low-carbon solutions to urban development in the urgent context of the climate crisis... we should resist demolishing ANY building on embodied carbon terms, and argument multiple times more important when they are such richly designed objects. Seidler is a national treasure, and this work should be preserved at all costs.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Please let me know if I can support this heritage effort. As noted I am the Head of School Architecture at UTS and would be happy to discuss it with students and staff, and perhaps even see this preservation effort as an opportunity for some teaching or research on the importance of heritage and embodied energy.

Response No:  
18

Contribution ID: 32474

Member ID: 12699

Date Submitted: Aug 31, 2023, 11:43 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

This building is worthy of being preserved, not only due to its architectural significance, but due to its role in the history and development of Jewish education in Sydney in the post-war period, and up to and including the present day.

A heritage listing would facilitate the continued use of the building for the purpose it was built - as a Jewish community educational centre.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I have lived in the area since birth. I attended youth activities there as a child in the 1970s, studied at the Yeshiva Gedola Rabbincial College in the 1980s, worked in administration of the centre in the 1990s, and attended the synagogue into the 2000s.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
19

Contribution ID: 32341

Member ID: 108

Date Submitted: Aug 30, 2023, 02:19 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

distinguished building that is part of Bondi History - important in Jewish history

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

interested in retaining our history

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

This building is a really wonderful expression of the then-emerging classical modern style in Sydney. It's also a valuable representation of the confidence of Sydney's Jewish community at that particular time in this city's history.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I'm Heritage Officer at Bondi Beach Precinct, and have often intervened in debates about the protection of local and Sydney-wide threats to the architectural and cultural institutions of this city. I know the street quite well (often cycling through there), and appreciate the fact that this is a low-rise building, allowing morning sun into the public streets and footpath.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Urge Waverley Council to proceed with listing, and to beware of the tricks which have often been used to demolish quality buildings in this city. Remember that there were serious proposals to demolish the Queen Victoria Building, and that they almost succeeded.  
PROTECT WAVERLEY'S HERITAGE.

Response No:  
21

Contribution ID: 32154

Member ID: 12572

Date Submitted: Aug 18, 2023, 02:45 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

this harry seidler building should be preserved for community use

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

i am the widow of the late harry seidler, this building is important!

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

I believe the building to be culturally significant , both in terms of its architecture and social history .  
It's an outstanding example of the use of reinforced concrete to enable large spans economically and to my knowledge , there is nothing like it elsewhere in Australia .  
The beautiful space can be easily adapted for alternative uses if no longer required as a synagogue

**Q3 What is your connection to this buidling?**

Long Text

I am an architect of 60 years standing and had the pleasure of knowing the late Harry Seidler since 1959 .  
Harry Seidler's contribution to the evolution of modernism in Australian architecture is unparalleled .  
The conservation of buildings of this period is a continuing struggle in the somewhat venal Sydney property scene .  
Waverley Council is to be commended for initiating this action to secure a permanent conservation order for this important building

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

The Bondi area is rich in its unque townscape that embodies key aspects of the evolution of Sydney in the 20th century  
The conservation of architecture of cultural significance is the key to this

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

A seminal work in the civic and sculptural concrete architecture of the pre-eminent Australian Modern architect Harry Seidler, displaying the application of Bauhaus principles for which he is known. The largest and best example of thin concrete shell technology of the 1950s in NSW. One of the most architecturally distinguished religious chambers of the immediate post-war period in NSW and one of the finest synagogues of the period. An historically important place in the development of Jewish religion in NSW, the post-war migration period, as the first Talmudical school with integral synagogue. Highly representative of the history of post-war migration in NSW, being the establishment of a new religious building and educational institution by a migrant community. A place held in high esteem by the Jewish community of Waverley and broader afield

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I have visited this beautiful synagogue

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

It would be a major Loss and hurt so many people to see their beloved synagogue rezoned & destroyed It would trigger many emotions of loss and trauma to this migrant community who already suffered so much in Europe and watched their beloved synagogues destroyed & finally rebuilt In the 50s in Bondi

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

No, I do not support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

The synagogue has no religious significance to the design whether heritage or not  
The synagogue was remodeled by the current owner and has made the inside of the synagogue a modern version of a modern orthodox synagogue which is the complete opposite of what it once was  
The congregation was forced out of the synagogue due to the bankruptcy of the religious leadership and they have formed their own community now  
The services at the flood st community are at a bare minimum and the only other group that make use of it is an organisation called jems that gives religious education to public school children  
These children come for a once weekly Jewish learning experience and due to the lack of room there is hardly any playground space in the back for children to run around  
This is an educational organisation business and not a non profit entity as they employ several couples most of whom have come to work here from overseas and also receive many government grants for the children attending  
At the back of the synagogue is a much later built organisation called our big kitchen  
There is certainly no heritage of this as this was built into the then underground of the synagogue  
The Talmudic school on its closure opened up a new school  
The building then housed the flood st yeshiva college  
As the college over the years did not adhere to board of education requirements the college then closed  
The heritage frontage if it even exists is not visible from the street due the high security wall and surely part of the alleged heritage was the "house of Abraham " signage on the glass wall which was removed a few years ago  
It is my opinion that if the current owner leaves a small synagogue for any possible religious services and also builds an independent living quarters for the aged the development should go ahead  
A synagogue needs to be used religiously 3 times a day and heritage or not flood st would not even become a museum as there are many more synagogues in the bondi area that have been formed after its closure and with a beautiful design  
On a personal level when the synagogue was formally closed and locked up why didn't the heritage group support come out in public then and help us keep the synagogue open

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I live in the next street down Anglesea st  
I attended the synagogue for 25 years three times a day up until it's closure  
None of the congregants at that stage were aware of any heritage listing  
The tubed roof and thin concrete did not affect or enhance our services there , it was the people inside that were important and the founder of the institution mr Abraham Rabinowitz who was the founder and great communal visionary whose name has been removed  
I do not attend flood st as we have our own synagogue  
The architecture makes no difference to me and further due to the high thick security wall you cannot see any of the front of the synagogue

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

There are too many people in the eastern suburbs looking for places to live  
If part of this edifice can be kept for a future religious community I cannot see why apartments cannot be built on top or around the side to bring more available housing in the eastern suburbs

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

This distinguished and unique building in many ways must not be permitted to be demolished for yet another totally undistinguished block of Meriton apartments in a street already over developed. It is still being used by the community, and it's historical significance cannot be disregarded.  
The other consideration is the increase in traffic together with lack of parking in the area.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

Yes I visit the synagogue; yes I live in Waverley; yes I am interested in architecture. I'm also interested in history and in the creation/retention of different streetscapes in our local suburbs.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

I do urge Waverley to stand up to Meriton who already has a massive footprint in our LGA. There are still some lovely examples of differing nineteenth and twentieth century buildings in Waverley, as well as just a few trees. This particular example's uniqueness gives the suburb a cache, showcasing how differing period styles can sit so well together.  
Certainly a heritage listing is the very least that can be awarded to it, also honouring the architect and the engineer.

Response No:  
26

Contribution ID: 32086

Member ID: 12527

Date Submitted: Aug 12, 2023, 10:10 AM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

I believe the findings of the heritage assessment should be respected and that the Council, as the community's representatives, decision to add the building to the LEP as heritage item should be endorsed.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I have long admired this building it from the outside and am very interested in this period of architecture and feel this building makes a significant contribution to this important aspect of our collective history.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
27

Contribution ID: 32078

Member ID: 10024

Date Submitted: Aug 11, 2023, 03:30 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

Because it will protect the significance of the building for the community so it can continue to play a major role for the Jewish community. It's also a centre of learning. And the architecture of the building is a piece of our heritage for those of us who have used the building for decades.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I live in Bondi and have celebrated many Jewish holidays at the synagogue. The synagogue has been there for all of my life and it's a major community hub. It's also a learning hub for local and international students. Yes, I like our local art deco architecture in Bondi and it should stay.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
28

Contribution ID: 32076

Member ID: 1934

Date Submitted: Aug 11, 2023, 03:18 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

The Waverley area has lost too much of it's history, and this synagogue is worthy of being kept for our history.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I live nearby, and walk past often

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

I fully support the synagogue being heritage listed

Response No:  
29

Contribution ID: 32073

Member ID: 1456

Date Submitted: Aug 11, 2023, 02:37 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

More needs to be done to protect the post-war and inter-war built environment generally in Waverley. Too much deco and mid-century architecture has been lost or irreparably damaged already. And it is continuing to happen. Exceptional examples, such as this by Harry Seidler, shouldn't even require consultation to qualify for protection.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I live nearby and am interested in architecture.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
30

Contribution ID: 32062

Member ID: 9443

Date Submitted: Aug 11, 2023, 11:12 AM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

There should be no demolition of heritage buildings nor any building over 80 years old. The whole area has no soul and very ugly.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I HAVE TO SEE THESE BULDINGS AND ALREADY THE WHOLE AREA IN OVER DEVELOPED. IF HOUSING SHORTAGE PUT A 10% PA VACANT PROPERTY FEE ON THE RATED OF THE VALUE PF THE PROPERTY PA.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

NO DEMOLITION OF OLD HOUSES OVER 80 YEARS OND AS OUR HERITAGE IS BEING LOST. FURTHER THESE DEVELOPERS ARE ALLOWED TO CUT DOWN TREES TO ENHANCE THE VIEW LIKE IN HARDY STREET, THE JOB ACROSS FROM MUST BE SHUT DOWN UNTILL LARGE MATURE TREES ARE REPLANTED.

Response No:  
31

Contribution ID: 32059

Member ID: 10375

Date Submitted: Aug 11, 2023, 11:02 AM

**Q1** Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?

Multi Choice

No, I do not support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2** Please explain

Long Text

**Q3** What is your connection to this building?

Long Text

I live nearby

**Q4** Do you have any other comments on this proposal?

Long Text

Response No:  
32

Contribution ID: 32056

Member ID: 10086

Date Submitted: Aug 11, 2023, 10:22 AM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

It is really important to protect this building. Harry Siedler is an architect of international significance and this is an important example of his work. Too often heritage is being ignored.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I am interested in architecture and I live in Waverley.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
33

Contribution ID: 32050

Member ID: 9410

Date Submitted: Aug 11, 2023, 09:23 AM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

No, I do not support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

I think it looks cheap, cold, and not pretty. The high walls around the site also closes it off from public space, so it doesn't add anything for non-Jewish people. A heritage listing will endure these existing outcomes.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I live in the neighbourhood and cycle past it multiple times a week.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
34

Contribution ID: 32011  
Member ID: 2668  
Date Submitted: Aug 09, 2023, 05:59 AM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

We need to do more to preserve places of architectural significance. Harry Seidler is a national treasure

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I live nearby and admire hood architecture

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
35

Contribution ID: 32008

Member ID: 12486

Date Submitted: Aug 08, 2023, 06:24 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

The building has been assessed by a qualified heritage professional using the HNSW criteria as being state significant.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

No connection.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

No

Response No:  
36

Contribution ID: 32006

Member ID: 67

Date Submitted: Aug 08, 2023, 05:27 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

No, I do not support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

It's not significant. More housing is needed

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

Live nearby

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Council's resources are better used elsewhere.

Response No:  
37

Contribution ID: 32003

Member ID: 12485

Date Submitted: Aug 08, 2023, 03:31 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

It is a great synagogue and should be a yeshiva. The architecture is beyond anything else in Sydney.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
38

Contribution ID: 32002

Member ID: 1625

Date Submitted: Aug 08, 2023, 02:58 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

This building is unique in being the only synagogue designed by Harry Seidler.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I live nearby and pass the synagogue regularly walking to Waverley Park. The architecture is an important example of Seidler's Bauhaus-influenced style.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Too much of Waverley's heritage has been lost - let's try to preserve what remains.

Response No:  
39

Contribution ID: 31999

Member ID: 12483

Date Submitted: Aug 08, 2023, 12:20 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

I believe this building should never be destroyed or used for any purposes other than serving as a Jewish Community Synagogue or communal building for education and religious purposes

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I attended this synagogue my entire life until age 18. I recently moved back in to the area.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

This synagogue has served generations of the Jewish Community. The architecture is unique and the way it has served the community for so many years makes it critical and a piece of history in the area.

Response No:  
40

Contribution ID: 31998

Member ID: 12482

Date Submitted: Aug 08, 2023, 11:41 AM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

The building showcases a remarkable example of a vaulted roof, one of the early instances in Australia. Its design and construction reflect ingenuity and skills that were developed during the formative years of early modern Australian society, symbolizing its aspirations and progress.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

Architectural scholar and construction historian.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Seidler's roof deserves restoration, preservation, and should be made accessible to the community

Response No:  
41

Contribution ID: 31996

Member ID: 12481

Date Submitted: Aug 08, 2023, 11:22 AM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

It is a fine and rare mid 20th centry religious building designed by one of the most notable Australian architects of the 20th century.

**Q3 What is your connection to this buidling?**

Long Text

I am a heritage architect who has worked in a consultancy role on several of Seidler's buildings

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Council must give the heritage listing its strongest support

Response No:  
42

Contribution ID: 31995

Member ID: 12480

Date Submitted: Aug 08, 2023, 11:00 AM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

The building is the only known religious building by seminal Australian architect Harry Seidler. The unusual barrel vault roof and other elements of Seidler's original design should be protected so as to reflect the only religious example of this architect in a very wide repertoire of project types. Please note that the protruding sign "Harry Truguboff Centre" and front gate are not part of the original Seidler design and should therefore not form part of the listing.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I am an architect concerned for the protection of buildings by Australia's significant architects.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
43

Contribution ID: 31988

Member ID: 12477

Date Submitted: Aug 07, 2023, 05:17 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

I write to confirm my support for the heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi. As a religious building, a thin shell concrete building and a building designed by Harry Seidler it is of local heritage significance.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I am interested in architecture. I am an architect and architectural historian, and have authored various pieces on post-war religious architecture. My 2021 doctoral dissertation, "Communities of Faith: Modern church architecture in Queensland 1945-1977" and also various other publications consider compatible Australian religious buildings (several of which are noted in Hector Abrahams heritage assessment).

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
44

Contribution ID: 31987

Member ID: 12476

Date Submitted: Aug 07, 2023, 02:20 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

I agree with points listed as the synagogue has an identity as a significant religious (Jewish ) i& historical iconic representation in Bondi

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

My family and 3 generations of my family were associated and grownup up in the institution and attended from youth to adulthood the premises.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

The building should be remain within community hands.

Response No:  
45

Contribution ID: 31983

Member ID: 9524

Date Submitted: Aug 07, 2023, 10:24 AM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

It is an important building by one of our most prominent architects. I agree it should be preserved.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I live nearby in Gowrie Avenue. I'm a fan of modernist architecture and of the works of Harry Seidler.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

I would welcome the opportunity to have look at the building, perhaps one year it could have tours for open house weekend.

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

The building is a significant example of modern 20th century architecture designed by Harry Seidler, Australia's most internationally well-known 20th century architect.

The building's roof structure is a unique design and significant not just in Waverley, but more broadly in NSW and Australia. It is also likely to be the only example of this concrete roof design by Harry Seidler.

The building has significant cultural value as a synagogue located in the key area of migration and settlement by post war European Jews. It should be retained as a synagogue and/or cultural institution for on-going use by the Jewish community.

The building is part of the historic built fabric of Waverley LGA, and contributes to the streetscape of Flood Street and the surrounding locality.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I am an architect and live in the Waverley LGA. I regularly drive past the building.

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text

Response No:  
47

Contribution ID: 31948

Member ID: 9612

Date Submitted: Aug 03, 2023, 12:59 PM

**Q1 Do you support the proposed heritage listing of the synagogue at 34 Flood Street, Bondi?**

Multi Choice

Yes, I support the proposed heritage listing.

**Q2 Please explain**

Long Text

it's a great reminder of the past building construction and contrasts well to modern structures. once we lose this, we will never get back similar.

**Q3 What is your connection to this building?**

Long Text

I visit it and live close by

**Q4 Do you have any other comments on this proposal?**

Long Text