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Thank you for your letter about consultation on the draft planning and design code, and please find attached my comments.

- I own a property that is a contributory item to heritage, and I am unconvinced by the reasons for stopping this classification. It seems to me that the contributory items offer a further definition of the ways in which a building can add to the heritage of an area, and so could be included in the draft code. This applies particularly in heritage areas, such as Semaphore where I live, where contributory items are quite common. A recognition of the character and history that they add to a street or a suburb is warranted.
- I am particularly concerned by the weakening of the demolition of heritage and contributory item buildings, and by the process for appealing this. It seems to me that the draft code increases the opportunities for developers to be able to demolish such buildings, which up until now, have had significant protection. (I do have a relevant and recent example of this in the street that my house is in, and can give details of this if required)
- Thirdly, while I appreciate receiving the letter and the invitation to respond, my experience is that this is not easy to do unless I have several days to immerse myself in the code and hope that I understand it better as a result. I have sought advice from several people and organisations and all have commented on how 'inaccessible' the material is. I do understand that this is a complex issue, and the changes planned are wide ranging. However I got my letter in early February and the consultation period closes on February 28. Maybe a longer consultation would have been appropriate, with more assistance and facilitation of how to understand the changes.

With best wishes

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