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CAMPBELL BLOCKS 4 & 5 SECTION 38 FORMER CSIRO HEADQUARTERS

We have analysed the approval decision and referral documentation and are very concerned with the process and outcome and strongly recommend that process be changed.

- 1 The National Trust suggested that before the sale and rezoning a complete heritage assessment be done so that all the issues associated with the site were known about in advance. This was not done and the site went to tender with the purchase to take the risk and undertaken the studies
- 2 The heritage studies were undertaken and identified material and cultural heritage values which then created a problem for authorities and the developer as demolition and major site development was desired.
- 3 The referral has taken an extremely long time to consider at increased costs to the developer
- 4 The referral decision requires:
 - Transfer of natural heritage by creating credits as compensation for the clearing of large area of the site.
 - Record and demolish the cultural heritage
 - "to address the loss of heritage values – the approval holder must assist CSIRO in enhancing, protecting and/or promoting heritage values of another CSIRO site"

This process is not consistent with the Burra Charter, normal conservation process and totally remote from best practice.

To suggest a developer undertake work on another site at which they have no interest and without any qualification of scope or extent is bizarre.

The National Trust asks that the processes be modified to best practice to the outcomes are fairer to all and better conservation of our diminishing heritage occurs.

Yours sincerely

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