

# Weir Phillips Heritage

15 November, 2017

**Attention:**                    **Natalie Kayrouz**

Kaymet Corporation Pty Ltd  
PO Box 574  
Hurstville NSW 1481.

**Re:**                            **Former Rachel Forster Hospital, 134-144 Pitt Street Redfern**

Dear Ms Kayrouz

Further to our meeting this morning on site to inspect the storage and condition of the dismantled columns that previously formed to the colonnade to the front of the now demolished hospital building, I note the following:

1. The columns remain on the site in two separate stacks on the former driveway close to the south wing of the hospital.
2. They appear to be in fair condition considering the building that contained them has been demolished.
3. There is nothing to differentiate them from other building materials, scaffolding and rubbish on the site as components being retained for adaptive reuse in the new building.
4. Whilst not in any immediate threat of damage or removal, additional work should be carried out to properly conserve the columns prior to reinstatement.

The works to properly store the columns on site until reinstatement should be as follows:

1. The columns should be carefully moved to a cleared and securely fenced compound on the site.
2. In moving the columns, a qualified crane operator should be engaged and appropriate slings and harnesses used to move the columns so that no damage occurs in this process. Careful attention must be paid to spreading the lifting points over the length of the columns to avoid fracture.
3. The columns should be stacked on timber cradles with supports at regular intervals to avoid fracture.
4. Tarpaulins should be placed over the columns and secured to avoid damp and hence the possibility of spalling due to rust.
5. The compound should be kept free of weed and tree growth and building rubbish.
6. The compound should have a sign clearly indicating that the compound should not be entered nor the columns be removed without express authority of the project manager. The project manager's mobile phone number should be included on the sign.

Should you have any questions, please call me on 8076 5317.

Yours faithfully



James Phillips, Director