

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR REID OWNERS

Do you love the Heritage character of Reid? Does it surprise you to learn that this is the *approved* design for a house (23 Dirrawan Gardens) in the Heritage protected area of Reid?



Maintaining the character of Reid is vital. We are being increasingly encircled by high density developments. We need to protect what we have. Reid is rare in its consistent character, remaining true to the original garden city vision. Many of us have been required to maintain the Heritage attributes in our renovations – it has often meant added cost but it has helped maintain the Reid we love.

But not for this development. This *Heritage Council-approved design* shows we are being let down by the ACT Government and the government-appointed Heritage Council. Heritage decided that the design “reflects and complements” the Reid Precinct!

Just looking at this design for a minute says “wrong fit”. An independent architect, Eric Martin AM, has confirmed that “the proposed house is contrary to some mandatory and other requirements of the conservation guidelines issued to conserve the heritage value of Reid”.

Having maintained or improved the heritage character of your home, how would you feel to have this house next to you? Cost is not a constraint – it will have a theatre, pool, enormous underground garage - just **no** Reid character. It doesn’t fit with the unifying architectural style, scale and materials of Reid.

If totally *out of character* designs can get the Heritage tick in our oldest, best preserved streets and beautiful garden precincts, what will that do to the value of your home over time? Will Reid remain special? Why have a Heritage area if its character is not maintained? What do you want Reid to look like in 5, 10 or 20 years?

Before the rot sets in please ring or send a short email to the Chief Minister (also our local member) and ACT Heritage now to say **No** and to **Stand up for Historic Reid**. There is a suggestion below, but your own words would be great. Please alert your neighbours – we need your help.

Email: barr@act.gov.au ; heritage@act.gov.au

Mr Barr: ph 6205 0011

SUBJECT: 23 Dirrawan Gardens, Reid

Dear Chief Minister Barr & ACT Heritage

The ACT Heritage Council has approved a design for 23 Dirrawan Gardens that is outside the character of Reid. It should not be allowed to go ahead as is. The Heritage character of Reid should be protected.

From concerned Reid owners, 11th of July 2019