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The Parks and Playgrounds Movement is a community organisation established in the early 1930s. Its secretary was C E W Bean, the historian, lawyer and journalist. It was brought to Newcastle in 1952 by R.E. (Tom) Farrell, and continues the work to safeguard our Natural and Cultural Heritage. The Movement's early work included the protection of the openspace provisions of the 1952 Northumberland County District Town and Country Planning Scheme.

**Department of Planning and Urban Renewal
Newcastle City Council**

Dear Sirs

Submission to the DCP Draft Newcastle Development Control Plan.

Parks and Playgrounds brings to the attention of the Department and the City Council that the Movement is opposed to high rise projections at the Old Town section of Newcastle east of Brown Street.

We want the Cathedral to be the dominant feature and the illustration shown below is the the way that should be encouraged and implemented if any new development is contemplated in this location.

The Draft Locality Provisions in the exposure draft recognizes the importance of heritage values and the character of each '(precinct) and set out principles that should be followed.

However at this location we hope to see this outcome and the DCP will need to be revised to protect the heritage structure of the old town centre in a sympathetic way.

The Hill, profile from Pacific Park to a peak at the Cathedral, then following the ridge down to Darby Street is unique to Newcastle and underpins heritage and identity as the second City of the State. It must be protected in the final DCP. We also wish to see the Newcastle railway station restored to its former glory and opened up with active frontage to Scott Street as it was 30 years ago. A tram/rail network should terminate here with open Plaza to Watt Street.

Yours faithfully

Doug Lithgow President

(We reserve the right to make further submissions)