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**Draft Sirius State Environmental Planning Policy: Submission
against demolition**

Dear Sir or Madam,

It has been brought to our attention that there is an ongoing proposal to demolish and redevelop the Sirius site in 36–50 Cumberland Street, The Rocks, Sydney. We are highly concerned about the threatened demolition of this architectural masterpiece of Brutalism, designed by Tao Gofers in 1978 and completed in 1980.

It might surprise you to get a letter from Germany about this project. We, the German Museum of Architecture, are showing an exhibition on Brutalism at the moment (www.sosbrutalism.org). Sirius as one of the key examples of Australian Brutalism is part of this exhibition as well as of the accompanying publication. Please find the respective extract from our publication attached.

We sincerely hope you will consider the implications of the impending demolition thoroughly and help protect Sydney's unique architectural heritage.

Yours sincerely,

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