

# BANDANORA PASTORAL CO PTY. LIMITED

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The General Manager  
Lithgow City Council  
PO Box 19  
LITHGOW NSW 2790

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Reference: LEP2013 (Bandanora, 4601 Castlereagh Highway, CAPERTEE NSW 2846)**

The Bandanora homestead as referred to the Inventory Sheet B170 is proposed to be included as an item of local heritage significance within the Lithgow Local Environmental Plan 2013. It is understood that this heritage significance has been brought about as a result of the City of Lithgow Heritage Study Final Draft, October 2000. While it is recognised that the Corlis family, who occupied the property from 1851, play a role in the history of the sheep industry for the Greater Lithgow region, the significance of the existing buildings on the site is questionable. An assessment of the Heritage Report prepared by Dr Ian Jack for The University of Sydney in association with Jocelyn Colleran, JRC Planning Services, and Graham Edds and Associates and the inventory sheet, displays that the heritage significance lies with the Corlis Family and the use of the site for various industries, including sheep-shearing, opposed to the buildings themselves. While some components of some of the buildings on the site are old, there has been significant improvements made to the site over time which detracts any heritage significance the structures may have once had.

The main homestead has been subject to many improvements over time, to the point where both the external facade and the internal style and finishes has been significantly altered from original condition. For instance, verandahs have been enclosed to make sunrooms, the kitchen and the main house have been connected by a living area as well as other alterations and additions. The property comprises of a number of farm buildings and improvements which have been constructed to support the various industries that have made the farm profitable over time. These buildings reflect these uses and have been continuously upgraded and changed over time. The homestead itself, while it contains some minor elements which reflect the original house, is not considered to be worthy of heritage significance in our opinion.

We would appreciate any opportunity to meet with Council and Council's heritage advisor to discuss these issues further. While we understand that heritage is important to the area, the Bandanora Homestead is not considered to be worthy of local heritage listing.

Yours faithfully,  
BANDANORA PASTORAL CO PTY LIMITED



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C.H. BARNES  
Director