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The General Manager
Lithgow City Council
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Dear Sir

**Re: LEP 2013
Heritage Conservation**

My comments relate to one of the items listed in the schedule of Heritage Items, namely the historic Kanimbla Woolshed, listed in the Draft LEP 2013 as Bimbadgen Woolshed.

It would be more accurate to classify or reference the woolshed unequivocally as the Kanimbla Woolshed (on Bimbadgen). This would be similar to the manner in which the location of the Old Kanimbla Homestead is referenced.

The woolshed, as noted, was constructed contemporaneously with the relocation of Kanimbla's homestead to its current position. It ceased being used for shearing on a commercial basis over a century later in the 1980's while it was still part of Kanimbla. Throughout this period Kanimbla was run as a sheep station, with cattle being added in the later years. When the property was divided into two, the woolshed ceased its role and key items including the wool press, scales, classing tables etc were moved to the Kanimbla homestead at that time.

If the occasional pet sheep was shorn there subsequently, it provides a nice continuity, but to reascribe the building as "Bimbadgen Woolshed" alienates the Kanimbla Woolshed from its State historical significance. That significance is based on it being integral to the operation of the Kanimbla sheep station, one of the oldest properties to be established across the Blue Mountains and the place where the Wolseley mechanised shears were first tested. To change its name is likely to be misleading to those trying to source or reference its actual heritage (see also Note below).

With my family having been associated with Kanimbla for much of the woolshed's history, I would be saddened if the connection to the shed's true history was to be diminished for future generations.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Stoneman

Note: The State Heritage Inventory report on the Kanimbla Woolshed contains an inaccuracy. My father, George Stoneman, sold the part of Kanimbla on which the woolshed sits to Geoff Catto (1987). Geoff ran cattle on it until the early 1990s when he subdivided and sold his property in 40ha lots. Bimbadgen is one of those lots, on which cattle and horses are now run.