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YOUR ACTION NEEDED TO SAVE EVELEIGH AS WORKING HISTORY

Described by the Smithsonian Institute as one of the "rarest and most intact industrial precincts in the world", the Eveleigh Rail Yards are a vital part of this nation's industrial heritage. While other State Governments have celebrated their rail heritage, the NSW Government is diminishing ours by neglect and overdevelopment.

The former Railway Workshop complex is locally, nationally and internationally recognised for its history and heritage. It played an instrumental role in the development of the Australia's rail network and was a key site of the Great National Strike in 1917. Structurally it provides a fine example of 1880s Georgian architecture.

Locomotive 3801 has already been banished from the site and now the remaining tools and equipment within the Large Erecting Shop, and the working blacksmithing bays within the Locomotive Workshop are under threat. These were preserved, maintained and used by the current tenants, Wrought Artworks, who have been given notice by the Redfern-Waterloo Authority to quit. With them will go the demonstration of past processes of heavy industry, and the hard work, skills and capacity of workers of the time.

SAVE NORTH EVELEIGH

The Redfern-Waterloo Authority's proposals for North Eveleigh will overdevelop the site, increase traffic impacts, create significant permanent negative impacts on key heritage items, and fail to meet sustainability requirements. An historic carriage collection is also to be evicted from the site. North Eveleigh needs an appropriate, lower-impact development with greater integration into the surrounding neighbourhood, genuine open space and easier access.

Alternative options put forward by other organisations interested in North Eveleigh, such as by the University of Sydney, show more promise. They include sensitive adaptive reuse of the industrial buildings and expand educational opportunities.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Support Guido Gouverneur's Wrought Artworks to stay working in the Blacksmiths Shop.
2. Support the return of Locomotive 3801 to Eveleigh and the retention of the historic carriages.
3. Oppose inappropriate over-development at North Eveleigh.

While the public exhibition of the Redfern-Waterloo Authority's plans has closed, you can view them on the NSW Department of Planning's website at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/asp/register2006.asp#gma or by telephoning 9228 6361.

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