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The Hon. Julia Gillard MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

Garden Island Hammerhead Crane

I write to strongly oppose the proposal to remove the Hammerhead Crane at Garden Island, and to support the National Trust of Australia's call for it to be urgently included on the Commonwealth Heritage List.

This crane is an important and integral feature of Sydney Harbour's foreshore and skyline. Its removal would have a negative and irreversible impact on the heritage values of the Commonwealth Heritage Listed Garden Island Precinct, removing a tangible link to Sydney's working harbour history.

The crane is also a prominent feature of the view from the World Heritage and National Heritage Listed Sydney Opera House. It stands inside the heritage buffer zone of the Opera House and is an important monument to the hard work and innovation of working Australians.

The crane is unique to Australia and one of only 15 of its kind worldwide. Similar cranes in Scotland are afforded Category 'A' listings, under Scotland's strongest heritage legislation. The Garden Island crane exceeds the eligibility criteria for inclusion in the Commonwealth Heritage List. The heritage value of the crane and the precinct is recognised in six heritage listings from local through to international level:

- Register of the National Estate 1980 Garden Island Precinct
- Register of the National Estate Indicative Place – Hammerhead Crane
- National Trust Register 1996 Hammerhead Crane
- NSW State Heritage Register 2004 Sydney Harbour Naval Precinct
- Commonwealth Heritage List 2004 Garden Island Precinct
- Sydney Regional Environmental Plan 2005 Garden Island Precinct

The Clydebank Titan Crane in Glasgow shows how the Hammerhead Crane could be retained, adapted and reused. As Scotland's most unique tourist attraction, the Titan Crane has been visited by over 29,000 people since opening in 2007. The increase in access for cruise ships agreed to by the Federal Government (June 2012) would support the adaptation of the Hammerhead Crane into a tourist attraction.

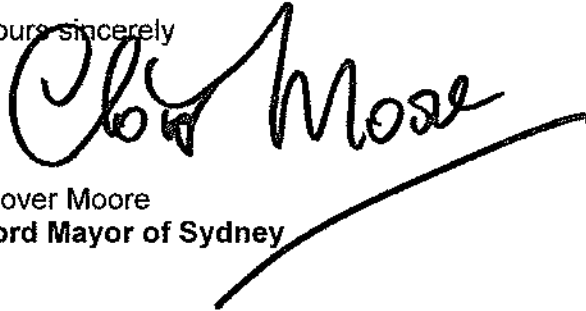
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There is also an opportunity to open public access to Garden Island.

For many years, I have argued for public access to the northern tip of Garden Island as it would benefit the adjacent densely populated areas (for whom public open space is very limited) and provide another critical link in the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Walkway.

The Hammerhead Crane should be conserved, restored and opened to the public. I urge you to include the Crane on the Commonwealth Heritage List.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clover Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Clover Moore
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