

ERRATUM: Item 16, Ordinary Meeting, 26.06.07, page 169.

The images below are the correct images for “Figure 1: *images of Leura: western approach past and present*” on Page 169 of the Business Paper. The photomontages appearing in the Business Paper at Figure 1 are provided at Attachment 8 on Page 197.

The setting in Views 7 and 8 is one of the most representative of the qualities of Leura village within this Precinct. The *Leura Walking Tour and Guidebook* (2005) provides a postcard from earlier last century on its contents page “Excursion train leaves Leura”; for the author at least a representation of a longstanding gateway. An extract of this image is at Figure 1, reflecting the ‘western approach’:

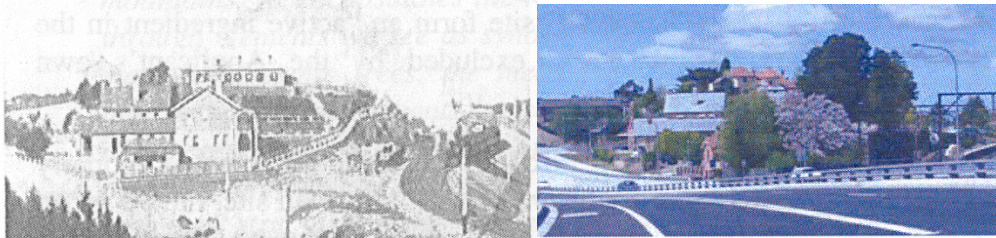


Figure 1: images of Leura: western approach past and present

In retaining its gateway function, this precinct has evolved while retaining a cohesive set of scale relationships and responses to topography. Some viewers will consider the proposal to be a continuation of that ‘evolution’, which would be readily accepted in that environment. Others would hold a contrary view, considering that a key set of relationships of building and landscape elements had been compromised. But as a starting point, it would be expected that many viewers would attribute some intrinsic value to the above composition of buildings (with the Hillcrest as the highest built element). However, the Planning Report considered:

Views of the Hillcrest Coachman, from the arterial roads, from the west are already degraded and not historically sympathetic. They are all soon to be lost as the Great Western Highway will dip before Leura to accommodate an underpass” (2005: 15).

Should the Applicant hold this view (which is erroneous on a number of counts), it suggests an inadequate understanding of the potential impacts of this proposal on its setting. Rather than losing the views, this vista emerges as the first image of Leura Village, and one of considerable value.

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