

Chair and Members of the Planning and Environment Committee

We are writing in regard to the property at 247 Halls Mill Road. We are neighbours who live just down the street. We strongly urge council to grant heritage designation to the property. The history of the property is well documented. It has been a shame to see a Byron landmark deliberately demolished to the point of collapse.

It is our understanding that the city ordered the property owner to cease and desist when it found that he was deliberately taking parts off the barn without permission...however he continued anyway until he achieved his goal.

The owner had plans, in the past to develop the property where the barn currently sits. This appears to be a case of demolition by neglect turning into deliberate demolition. If a demolition permit is granted by not giving the property heritage designation, then a very dangerous precedence is being set putting all potential heritage buildings at risk.

This property, both the barn and the house, are just about as important to Byron as Eldon House is to London. We all know how cherished Eldon House is. Please do not allow this to be deliberately taken away.

Sincerely,

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