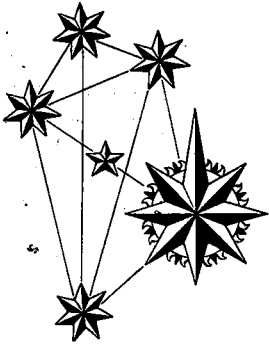


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Sir John asked his  
daughter to assist this  
cause.

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The New South Wales Division of the Royal Australian Planning Institute has published its case for the retention of the Supreme Court Complex of buildings.

The Institute's submission, which is in the form of an eight page report and plans, has been presented to members of the Federal & State Governments, the National Trust and associated professional bodies with a view to revising the 1962 decision of the Commonwealth/State Law Courts Building Joint Committee to demolish the three important historic buildings within the Complex.

These are the original Greenway Supreme Court building, the Registrar's building and the Banco Court.

The 1962 decision required the demolition of the buildings and the creation of a civic square or plaza. Contained within the submission is a comprehensive case for the retention of what are considered to be three irreplaceable historic buildings which date back to the establishment of the Supreme Court in the 1820's and have been occupied continuously by that Court for the whole of its history.

As well as outlining the historic aspect associated with the buildings the Institute's proposals relate to their architectural and aesthetic importance. It is also considered that a highly effective group of small open spaces could be created when the ugly additions are removed and the site restored.

Following the Institute's submission it is hoped that the State Government, in whom the buildings are vested will reverse its 1962 decision to demolish these three buildings which form an integral part of Australia's legal and cultural heritage. The preservation and planning of this area would create an historic legal precinct of which both the legal profession and indeed, the people of Sydney, could be justifiably proud.

J. Carke 22/7/73