SUBMISSION PETITION on DA 0081/2018 THE REGENT THEATRE MUDGEE

For lodgement to Council by 1 December 2017

To the General Manager

Dear Sir,

I have signed this petition as I object strongly to the Part Demolition, New Hotel, Alterations & Additions, Function Space & Carpark – to The Regent Theatre. The Planning grounds the basis of my objection is the near total loss of The Regent Theatre's historical, historical association, aesthetic, social significance, rarity and representativeness.

I have been advised that the 2015 report to Council by Graham Hall, Council's Independent Architect and Heritage Consultant highlighted that the 2015 proposal would have a seriously adverse impact on the heritage significance of the Regent and that accordingly it might be argued that the DA should simply be refused. Hall refers to the widely recognised "BURRA CHARTER" which states "Cultural significance is embodied in the place itself, its fabric, setting, use, associations, meanings, records, related places and related objects" Hall emphasizes, and I personally agree, that the Theatre is socially significant, valued by community members who recall important events and regular cinema-going over many years means that it's interiors, as well as its presence in the streetscape, are highly valued by the community. Hall states that the 2015 proposal involved such extensive alterations that all aspects of its significance - historical, historical association, aesthetic, social significance, rarity and representativeness - will be very much affected. Prominent Sydney architect George Newton Kenworthy, completed extensive theatre designs including The Regent Theatre; demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and a high degree of creative achievement in NSW. The Regent has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of NSW's cultural history.

Given the 2017 DA is 66 2/3 % larger than the 2015 DA I believe that the "might be argued" is no longer the case – I therefore ask that the 2017 DA be refused by Council.

Please advise me when Hall's independent report on DA 0081/2018 is available for inspection. I also ask you to extend the period for submissions to 2 January 2018 to allow time for the community to view the DA and Hall's Independent report.

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