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Dear Planning Assessment Unit,

**RE: D/2015/683 – 103-107 BOURKE STREET, WOOLLOOMOOLOO**

2011 Residents Association Inc is an incorporated body with a primary focus of protecting and enhancing residential amenity for those living in the 2011 postcode suburbs, which includes Woolloomooloo.

Residential amenity in the inner city is enhanced by access to open space. Open space in the inner city is limited and is precious.

The proposed construction of a building for use as a mens shed on Bourke Street Park, a small grassed park in Woolloomooloo, will result in the loss of open space.

As a matter of principle it is important to preserve, and ideally expand where possible, open space in the inner city for residents now and for generations of residents to come. This is in keeping with the City of Sydney's environmental policies. There is very limited open space in Woolloomooloo that is grassed.

It is not necessary to have a mens shed built on open space/grass. We ask that alternatives to locating a suitable site for a men's shed be explored. Adaptive re-use of existing buildings causes less environmental damage than constructing a new building. An existing building could be refitted for the men's shed. The property may be an existing council property, one to be acquired by the council or leased by the council. Alternatively another option is to acquire a property which is demolition ready and construct a purpose built mens shed on the land.

For example, our members have identified a property for lease at 13 Forbes St through real estate agents Taylor Nicholas, Tele 9313-8566 which looks like a property suitable for adaptive re-use as a mens shed.

2011 Residents Association Inc objects to the granting of D/2015/683.

Yours faithfully

Helen Crossing  
Convenor

