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The Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council has a long and proud tradition of representing not only its resident or association members but all Aboriginal people who live and reside within Metro's Land Council area.

In accordance with its statutory obligations and duties under the *NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* Metro Land Council has a long history of both protecting, preserving and promoting awareness of, Aboriginal culture and heritage within Metro's Land Council area.<sup>1</sup>

Land is of cultural and heritage significance to Aboriginal persons if the land is significant in terms of the traditions, observances, customs, beliefs or history of Aboriginal persons.<sup>2</sup>

Metro Land Council is proud to attest its work in seeking return of land & country through Aboriginal land claims and or negotiations with NSW Government such as the MeMeI Transfer project in the Sydney Harbour.

Metro Land Council has long campaigned and supported the Registrar of Aboriginal Land Rights undertaking the process of identifying and registering Aboriginal Owners<sup>3</sup> within Metro Land Council's boundary and are encouraged that there will now be Aboriginal Owners project being undertaken by the Registrar for the MeMeI Transfer project.

We look forward to working with the Registrar and registered Aboriginal Owners in the future - many who will be members of Metro Land Council.

Yours in Unity  
Allan Murray  
Chairperson  
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council

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<sup>1</sup> Sections 52(4) *NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*

<sup>2</sup> Section 40(4) *NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*

<sup>3</sup> As defined in the *NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*