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The Health Department, NSW

The Art Deco & Modernism Society of Australia (ADMSA) is an international society based in Melbourne. One of its major concerns is the preservation of structures from the interwar and postwar eras. ADMSA has been made aware of the plans to demolish the old Cowra Hospital. Whilst we support the development of medical facilities, we are concerned that the existing building is not able to be re-purposed and continue to serve the community. The community should be provided with access to the heritage report and be able to view the reasons for the proposed demolition. If not, questions will continue to be raised about the expertise of the planners and whether the planner has the necessary expertise to make such a recommendation, as well as whether the planner has taken into account (or misjudged) the architectural qualities of the building and how they align with the long-term social values of the community. It appears that an experienced heritage consultant should be engaged by the Health Department to carry out a thorough assessment of the building - its history, its design, its facilities. Such an assessment should also cover the effects on the community of demolition of such a substantial building, particularly the substantial environmental effects.

Yours truly

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