

Saluting Harry's heritage

LOVE him or hate him, it's hard to avoid the work of architect Harry Seidler.

Mr Seidler has been extremely busy during his 54 years based in Sydney.

Now a plan has been hatched to include 13 of Mr Seidler's best known buildings on the State heritage list.

One of those buildings is Blues Point Tower, built in 1962 and described in surveys as the building most Sydneysiders want to see removed.

Others include the 43-storey Horizon building at Darlinghurst, built in 1998, and the Australia Square office tower, built in 1967.

Listing would mean it was unlikely the buildings would ever be demolished.

The Royal Australian Institute of Architects' (RAIA) heritage committee, who will nominate the 13 buildings, has shown Mr Seidler the list.

The nominations are yet to be ratified by the NSW Heritage Council.

RAIA president Caroline Pidcock said many people thought Blues Point was "aesthetically quite good".



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"If Blues Point Tower hadn't been built, that headland would be covered by three-storey walk-ups.

"It would have been concreted over."

Ms Pidcock said it was unlikely any other architect had had such an impact on Sydney as Mr Seidler, aged 80 and still working hard.

Blues Point Tower is already on the North Sydney Council local heritage list.

"It was voted the building most Sydneysiders would like to see removed," the council listing says.

Mr Seidler, who is currently battling Mosman Council to place an addition on a house he designed 50 years ago, was happy about the proposed listings.

"It's wonderful, very gratifying," he said.

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Architectural impact . . . Blues Point Tower, above, and Hannes House, Cammeray, below

An impressive listing

Wak House, Northbridge; Ithaca Gardens, Elizabeth Bay; Blues Point Tower, McMahon's Point; Ski Lodge, Thredbo; Australia Square, CBD; Seidler House, Killara; Glen St offices and apartments, Milsons Point; MLC Centre, CBD; Grosvenor Place, CBD; Hannes House, Cammeray; Capita Centre, CBD; Palm Beach House, Palm Beach; Horizon Apartments, Darlinghurst.

