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Senator Rhiannon asked:

How does the development of a residential aged care facility on Trust Land on Middle Head not result in a gross alienation of public land in the Middle Head precinct?
How does the aged care development fit with the rest of the Trust's activities?

Answer:

The aged care proposal is yet to be determined.

There are over 85 existing buildings at Middle Head, Chowder Bay and Georges Heights. They are mostly heritage listed and adaptively re-used as cafes, restaurants, commercial offices, child care facility, dance school, fitness and health centres, artists studios, a marine research institute, an out of school education facility, retail, and function centres. The Trust seeks a diversity of uses to provide more reasons for people to visit and use these former military bases and their park setting. Aged care could positively add to that diversity and provide another reason for people to visit the parklands.