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To Whom It May Concern,

RE Acquisition of WW11 – 5.5 inch Artillery piece.

I am writing in support of the acquisition of this important historical military piece and its installation at the War Memorial in Queen Elizabeth Park.

Lithgow has an immensely proud war history which includes not only the men and women who served but also in the production of weapons to support those men and women. We have a beautiful War Memorial in Queen Elizabeth park which would only be enhanced by the addition of this artillery piece. It should be added to the existing memorial which not only commemorates those who served but should also highlight the weapons which helped them. There is already a 25 pounder in the park which generates a lot of interest in the history of the piece but also commemorates and preserves our military history.

The 5.5inch artillery piece supported our servicemen in El Alamein and is therefore to be considered as an important piece of our military history. As one of only a small number located in a public place it will only increase interest in our War Memorial and provide an important destination for the increasing amount of people interested in our military history, as well as preserving this piece for generations to come.

I fully support the RSL in acquiring and placing this piece in Queen Elizabeth Park as part of our wonderful memorial to our war veterans.

Yours Sincerely

