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Kew Cottages
Coalition (KCC)

12th December 2006

Mr. Ray Tonkin
Executive Director
Heritage Victoria
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Dear Mr. Tonkin,

Re: TREE PROTECTION FENCING AT KEW COTTAGES

We are extremely concerned that the trees listed for protection during construction of Stage 1 of the Kew Cottages redevelopment proposal are not being adequately protected with protective fencing as required under the permit conditions as set out in Permit No P9639, in particular Sections 9,10,11 and 12. In some cases we consider serious damage may have been caused to surface roots of some trees during current construction operations as some of the excavations near the trees are quite substantial and appear to be more than a metre deep. We would like to confirm this with an on site inspection before Christmas.

We understand this matter was recently discussed by our Mr Don Anderson with Mr John Hawker who requested that a marked up drawing be supplied showing the trees affected. Unfortunately it appears we need the necessary authority to access the site to obtain this information as we anticipate some reluctance on the part of the Permit Holder to cooperate in this matter. Could you please advise as a matter of urgency what action Heritage Victoria proposes to take in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Walsh,
President