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## Complaint: H2073 Former Kew Cottages, Works Undertaken without a Permit or Permit exemption.

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**Kew Cottages Coalition** <admin@kew.org.au>

24 January 2019 at 16:37

To: Erin.Williams@delwp.vic.gov.au

Cc: heritage.permits@delwp.vic.gov.au, Peter Brooks <peter.brooks@delwp.vic.gov.au>,

Dear Ms. Williams,

Further to my phone call to Mr. Peter Brooks and Mr. John Hawker I am writing to lodge a formal complaint regarding what appear to be works undertaken without a Heritage Permit or Permit exemption at Kew Cottages (H2073) on Monday 21 January 2019.

A local resident, Mr. Jeff Kinsman, took the following photograph of the team of workers who were setting up on the Stage 8 Land bordered by Main Drive and Oak Walk on Monday morning, January 21 2019, where they later appeared to be drilling into the earth and trimming trees.



When I inspected the site yesterday, Wednesday 23 January a number of recently drilled, and refilled, holes were clearly visible as shown below:





I understand from Mr. Brooks that the Executive Director has not issued exemptions for these works, and Walker Corporation has not complied with any of the required Permit Conditions of Permit P26760 which allows the construction of a three-storey apartment complex. on this site. (Copy attached).

I note that there is a public perception of a long standing problem with heritage protection on the Kew Cottages site, and that significant Heritage tree damage has already occurred due to works that failed to comply with Permit Conditions, including damage to the 300 year old eucalyptus in Red Gum Park, the loss of the rare National Trust listed Bishops Pine on Brady Lane, the loss of many replacement oaks and elms on Main Drive, and the recent unauthorised removal of Heritage Tree 160 within Stage 8.

The Kew Cottages Coalition, therefore, respectfully requests that this complaint be thoroughly investigated, and the maximum penalty under the Act be applied for unauthorised works in order to help restore public confidence in the protection of State Heritage in Victoria.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Walsh

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Stage 8 works photos 21/1/19

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From: <[Peter.Brooks@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:Peter.Brooks@delwp.vic.gov.au)>

Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2018 at 10:32

Subject: H2073 Former Kew Cottages (Kew Residential Services), Princess Street KEW - Permit P

To: Brian Walsh <[bwa007@gmail.com](mailto:bwa007@gmail.com)>, Kew Cottages Coalition <[admin@kew.org.au](mailto:admin@kew.org.au)>

Dear Brian

As requested, attached is a redacted copy of the permit that the Heritage Council directed be issued by the Executive Director. All parties who made submissions in response to the advertising have received a copy of the permit via email.

Regards

**Peter Brooks | Senior Heritage Officer | Heritage Victoria**

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