30th August 2004

Kew Cottages Coalition (KCC)

Boroondara Councillors: Kew Cottages Survey Questions.

1.	On 23 rd August 2004 the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria recommended that Kev Cottages be added to the Victorian Heritage Register. Do you support the Heritage Victoria recommendation?
	Yes
2.	At the meeting of the Boroondara Urban Planning Special Committee held on 4th August 2003 did you vote for or against the amendment that the City of Boroondara advise the State Government it was inappropriate to sell the KRS site for redevelopment?
	Against
3.	Have you had cause to reconsider your position on Kew Cottages since August 2003?
	No
4.	Would you support a new motion to oppose the sale of the Kew Cottages land and keep the site in public ownership?
	Yes
5 .	Would you support a motion to redevelop land on the KRS site as parkland linking into the adjacent Yarra Bend National Park?
	Yes
6.	What public facilities if any should be provided on the KRS site as part of its redevelopment?
	Parkland with heritage buildings, trees and roads preserved and a new complex for residents wishing to remain on site to designs advocated by residents, carers and family
7.	Should the State Government succeed in selling the land to commercial developers what is the minimum percentage of publicly owned and accessible green open space that should be provided as part of the development (excluding roads and footpaths)?
	75%
8.	Given that Kew Cottages has been part of the community since 1887, to what extent do you believe it is the role of Boroondara councillors to engage in debate on the issue of how best to house and support the intellectually disabled residents currently living at Kew Cottages?
	I believe the residents of Kew in particular, and Boroondara in general, are best suited to decide the fate of the general area. Housing, support, etc should be funded by State Govern but with input as to type and extent in collaboration with residents, caregivers and parents and officers
9.	As at December 2003 there were 3155 intellectually disabled people in Victoria weiting for supported full-time accommodation. How will you ensure the needs of intellectually disabled people remain a priority in the redevelopment of Kew Cottages?

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I do think DHS have genuine concerns in providing supported accommodation but don't have the funds, but I don't see one off grabs for cash by selling off public land for residential development as being the answer. Especially in view of the poor road access in that area, potential bottlenecks on Princess St and the Junction and the needs of the people of Victoria for parkland which once gone is lost for ever. My view being that Govt's have had at least 25 years to come up with a solution and has never properly faced up to their responsibilities in this regard. It requires focused targeted funding and that, I believe, is the responsibility of the community via State and Federal Govt to provide.

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