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Mr Brian Walsh President Kew Cottages Coalition PO Box 2317 Kew 3101

Dear Mr Walsh

I refer to your email of 2 March 2010, regarding the heritage permit application which has been lodged for Stage 3A of the Kew Cottages development.

I understand that Stage 3A of the development includes restoration and conservation works for the three heritage buildings which have been retained on the Site, as well as the construction of houses and community facilities.

As you will be aware, the application will be considered by Heritage Victoria in accordance with the provisions of the *Heritage Act* 1995 (**Act**), and not by the Minister for Planning. Further, the Act provides that:

- any person may make a submission in respect of an application (section 69); and
- all submissions made must be considered by the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria in determining an application (section 73(1)(c)).

As you have pointed out in your email, under the provisions of the Act, the closing date for submissions was 3 March 2010. However, I have been informed that assessment of the application will commence in approximately two weeks, and that Heritage Victoria will consider late submissions received up to the date on which the assessment commencements.

I look forward to Heritage Victoria's decision.

Yours sincerely,

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