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Attention: Ray Tonkin, Executive Director

Re: Kew Cottages Public Notice 23.8.04

Dear Mr Tonkin,

The Kew Cottages Coalition warmly welcomes your recommendation to add Kew Cottages and all of the grounds to the Victorian Heritage Register.

We believe that this is a most significant step, and one which will be supported by not only the Kew community, but also the wider community throughout Victoria who recognise the unique role that the Cottages have played in the development of intellectual disability services in Australia since 1887.

It is important we believe that the nature and form of the development of this historic site should be carefully guided by full and appropriate consideration of the heritage consequences for all concerned including:

- All the existing Kew Cottages' residents, and their families;
- All of Victoria's intellectually disabled community currently seeking accommodation support;
- All of Boroondara's existing residents, and
- All future Victorians who will judge us for what we choose now to retain for their benefit.

I would be grateful if you would please convey my sincere thanks to your staff for their professional care and attention in helping our members and residents bring this matter before you.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Walsh
President