



# Bill Shorten MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MARIBYRNONG



6 May 2009

Mr Don Anderson  
Hon. Secretary  
Kew Cottages Coalition

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*Don*

Dear Mr Anderson,

I have received a letter from the Hon. Justin Madden MLC, Minister for Planning, regarding the development of the Kew Cottages site.

The Minister stated that he was aware that you and Mr. Walsh from the Kew Cottages Coalition had recently met with Jason Close and Lorenz Pereira of State Planning Services and were briefed on the development at Kew Cottages.

The Minister also stated that stage 1 of the development has been approved and is nearing completion, while a planning permit for the stage 2 development of the Kew Cottages site has been issued by the Department under delegation on 11 April 2008.

Finally, the Minister stated that significant progress in developing the site has been made and is likely to continue in accordance with the Development Plan and the Boroondara Planning Scheme provisions; however I thought it would be best for you to look over these remarks yourself. Accordingly, I have also enclosed a copy of the Minister's letter for your reference.

Thank you again for raising this important issue. If you have any other queries, or if I can assist you or your family further in any way, please feel free to contact me again, as I am always available to assist you.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Shorten MP

Federal Member for Maribyrnong  
Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities & Children's Services  
Parliamentary Secretary for Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction



## Minister for Planning

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Dear Mr Shorten

### KEW COTTAGES DEVELOPMENT

I refer to your letter forwarding correspondence from Mr Don Anderson regarding the development of the Kew Cottages site.

I am aware that Mr Anderson and Mr Walsh from the Kew Cottages Coalition recently met with Jason Close and Lorenz Pereira of State Planning Services and were briefed on the development.

In March 2006, the previous Minister for Planning endorsed the Walker Development Plan-Kew, December 2005 providing for development of the site for some 520 dwellings. The Plan was prepared in consultation with Boroondara City Council over a nine month period.

Stage 1 of the development has been approved and is nearing completion.

On 13 April 2008, 100 intellectually disabled residents moved into the 20 completed community houses.

A planning permit for the Stage 2 development of the Kew Cottages site has been issued by the Department under delegation on 11 April 2008. Amended plans were approved under delegation on 12 March 2009.

Heritage Victoria also issued a permit for this stage of development under the *Heritage Act* 1995 on 19 September 2008.

Under section 42 of the *Heritage Act* 1995, all of the buildings and structures on the site, apart from buildings B1 to B6, are permitted to be demolished and do not require a planning permit to do so. However, subsequent approval has been granted by Heritage Victoria for the demolition of buildings, B2, B4 and B5 subject to certain requirements being met.

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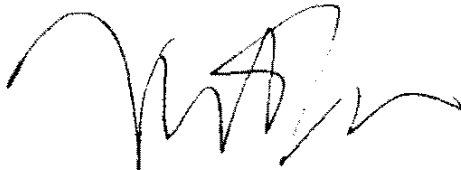
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Significant progress in developing the site has been made and is likely to continue in accordance with the Development Plan and the Boroondara Planning Scheme provisions.

If you have any queries regarding this matter please contact Lorenz Pereira from State Planning Services on 9637 9019.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Madden', written over a vertical line that serves as a separator between the signature and the printed name below.

**JUSTIN MADDEN MLC**  
Minister for Planning