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Dear Mr Walsh,

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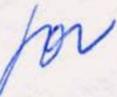
At its meeting of 15 November 2004 the Registration Committee of the Heritage Council resolved to include the Former Kew Cottages (Kew Residential Services) in the Victorian Heritage Register under S.42(1)(b) of the Heritage Act. The Committee determined that all of the land and the specific buildings and landscape features (including trees) in the Executive Director's registration should be included in the Victorian Heritage Register.

After a site visit the Committee carefully considered the large number of submissions regarding the inclusion of the Former Kew Cottages on the Victorian Heritage Register. The Committee noted the wide range of community views expressed in the written submissions. These included submissions supporting the Executive Director's recommendation, and others completely opposed to the inclusion of the site in the Victorian Heritage Register. Others made comment proposing that some of the buildings recommended for long-term retention by the Executive Director should not be retained – several of these submissions specifically opposed the inclusion in the Register of some of the buildings that had been (or are) former wards.

The Committee understands that questions about the future of this place, and its recognition as part of Victoria's heritage, raise sensitive and strongly felt issues for many individuals, families and organisations with past and/or present associations with the place. Please be assured that the Committee gave careful consideration to all of the submissions in reaching its decision, and has based the decision on the assessment of the cultural heritage significance arguments provided by the submissions – all of which were very thoughtful and clearly articulated. Future changes to the place will require approval from Heritage Victoria.

The decision of the Committee will be gazetted in the near future and I will keep you informed of its progress. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Joanne Boyd Registrations Co-ordinator on 9655 9730 or email joanne.boyd@dse.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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