



Call for Andrews Government to stop extraordinary attack on Heritage Council Victoria.

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Mr. Richard Bolt
Secretary
Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR)

BY EMAIL

Dear Mr. Bolt,

Further to our discussion on 17 February, I write as the Convener of the [Public Meeting](#) held at the Kew Civic Centre on Wednesday (24/2) to consider the proposed High-rise Building on Kew Cottages Main Drive Parkland.

A matter of significant concern to the Meeting was the recent extraordinary attack on the Heritage Council of Victoria by the State Government's PPP Partner, the NSW based Developer Walker Corporation.

Our Guest Speaker was Michael Black AO, QC, Former Chief Justice of the Federal Court.

Michael Black addressed the Meeting as a Kew resident with a passion for landscape, and one who is strongly opposed to the Walker Building.

The Meeting passed the following motion unanimously:

This Meeting calls on the Andrews Government to direct Walker Corporation to withdraw its application for the Heritage Council to be reconstituted.

I understand that Walker Corporation still claim to have the full support of Major Projects Victoria for their application to the Heritage Council, however, when I spoke to you in Parliament House after the PAEC Hearing (17/2) you told me that you had no knowledge of Walker's application.

May I respectfully, therefore, request that you investigate Walker's extraordinary application as a matter of urgency and determine:

1. Did Walker seek MPV consent prior to applying to have the Heritage Council reconstituted (Walker Contract Clause C14(d)) ?
2. Did MPV seek your consent (As the responsible *'facilitating agency'* under the Project Development and Construction Management Act 1994) ?
3. If not, why not ?
4. Has MPV exceeded its authority, which is to only use *'reasonable endeavours'* to assist the Developer (Walker Contract Clause C.14(c)) ?
5. If you judge MPV's support for the Developer's attack on Heritage Council Victoria to be unreasonable, then will you now direct Walker Corporation to withdraw its application for the Heritage Council to be reconstituted ?

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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