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### Dear Ms Agius

We refer to the above mentioned matter and advise that we continue to act for Dustday Investments Pty Ltd and Botex Pty Ltd in this matter.

Please find attached our letter of correspondence and the expert witness statement of Mr Bryce Raworth which our client intends to rely upon at the upcoming Panel Hearing for this matter.

Kind regards

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Dear Ms Agius

Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C258 85 - 89 Sutton Street, North Melbourne and 90 - 104 Berkeley Street, Carlton

We refer to the above mentioned matter and advise that we continue to act for the land owners of the above mentioned properties, Dustday Investments Pty Ltd and Botex Pty Ltd in respect of the above matter.

Please find **enclosed** for filing, the expert witness statement of Mr Bryce Raworth of Bryce Raworth Conservation and Urban Design which our clients intend to rely on at the upcoming hearing for this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you have any queries or wish to discuss this matter further.

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# 85-89 Sutton Street, North Melbourne & 90-104 Berkeley Street, Carlton

# Expert Witness Statement to Panel Amendment C258 to the Melbourne Planning Scheme

July 2018

#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1. This report was prepared under instruction from HWL Ebsworth Lawyers on behalf of the owners of the sites at 85-89 Sutton Street North Melbourne and 90-104 Berkeley Street Carlton. I have been asked to provide comment on the heritage considerations associated with Amendment C258 to the *Melbourne Planning Scheme*, which proposes, amongst other changes, to replace the current A-D grading system with a system that utilises 'significant', 'contributory', and 'non-contributory' gradings and update the heritage policy at Clause 22.05. The property at 85-89 Sutton Street is currently individually identified as HO1118 in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay, while the property at 90-104 Berkeley Street is individually identified as HO1126.
- 2. By way of background, Amendment C258 was first exhibited from 30 March to 12 May 2017, and re-exhibited with a corrected *Heritage Places Inventory* from 7 December 2017 to 29 January 2018. The amendment seeks to modify the grading of 85-89 Sutton Street from a C graded building in a level 2 streetscape to a 'significant' building in an ungraded streetscape. The grading of 90-104 Berkeley Street will also be modified from a C graded building in a level 2 streetscape to a 'significant' building in an ungraded streetscape.
- 3. My office has previously provided advice in regard to both of the subject properties, most recently in relation to Amendment C198 and Amendment C207 to the Melbourne Planning Scheme.
- 4. This statement has been prepared with assistance from Fiona Erskine of my office. The views expressed are my own.

# 2.0 Sources of Information

5. The analysis below draws upon inspections of the subject sites, and a review of the relevant Amendment C258 documentation. Reference has also been made to the Panel reports in relation to Amendment C198 and Amendment C207, as well as my expert witness statement in relation to the latter.

6. The Amendment C258 documentation, including a corrected version of the Heritage Places Inventory, was re-exhibited in November 2017. Council subsequently made a range of changes to the C258 Amendment documentation, including Clause 22.05, as a result of submissions received, and these were adopted as a result of the Future Melbourne Committee Resolution of 20 February 2018. These changes have been reviewed, as has Council's Part A Submission, recently circulated.

#### 3.0 Author Qualifications

7. A statement of my qualifications and experience with respect to urban conservation issues is appended to this report. Note that I have provided expert witness evidence on similar matters before the VCAT, Heritage Council, Planning Panels Victoria and the Building Appeals Board on numerous occasions in the past, and have been retained in such matters variously by municipal councils, developers and objectors to planning proposals.

#### 4.0 Declaration

3. I declare that I have made all the inquiries that I believe are desirable and appropriate, and that no matters of significance which I regard as relevant have to my knowledge been withheld from the Panel.

BRYCE RAWORTH

# 5.0 Brief History and Description

85-89 Sutton Street

- 9. The site is located on the south side of Sutton Street, between Boundary Road and the Upfield railway line, above which is the elevated City Link freeway. The site is occupied by a large six-storey warehouse, formerly known as the No. 5 Wool Store of the Victorian Producers Co-operative (VPC). The Victorian Producers Co-operative (VPC) was formed by a group of Victorian farmers who no longer wished to deal with middlemen in the sale of their produce and the purchase of farming supplies. Prosperity in the Australian wool industry peaked in the early 1950s and the VPC expanded their North Melbourne warehouse complex a number of times in this decade, including with the construction of the subject building in c.1956.
- 10. The warehouse, which was designed by consulting structural engineer Cyril Hudspeth, is of six storeys with a south facing sawtooth roof. The building has a steel frame encased in concrete and expressed externally as a grid with non-structural red-brick infill. The north and west elevations have bands of metal framed windows with brick spandrel panels. The windows have multiple panes interspersed with glass louvres at regular intervals. Stairwells on the north elevation and south elevation are delineated by a vertical strip of glazing to the full height of the building. The steel-framed sawtooth roof has corrugated asbestos cement sheet cladding and south facing lights. There are a series of loading bays on the ground floor of the west elevation with sliding metal sheathed doors.
- 11. The building appears to remains largely intact externally. The lower levels of the west elevation are heavily defaced by graffiti and windows in this area have broken or missing glazing and some have been boarded over. The concrete encasing the building's structural frame is spalling in many locations, exposing corroded steel, a form of deterioration generally known as 'concrete cancer'.

90-104 Berkeley Street

- 12. The site is located on the east side of Berkeley Street in Carlton. A narrow bluestone paved laneway runs along the eastern and southern boundaries of the property. Occupying the land is a four-storey warehouse constructed in 1938 for Repco, an automotive parts retailer established as Replacement Parts Pty Ltd by Robert Russell in 1926.
- 13. The warehouse was designed by architect F.A. Bell and estimated to cost £10,000. It is a Moderne style building with asymmetrical composition; the cream brick tower at the north end of the building contrasts with the remainder of the brown brick facade which features cream brick banding and concrete parapet and window canopies. Windows are steel framed, though the tower originally featured glass bricks.
- 14. The building is largely intact externally though 'Repco' signage to the tower is no longer fully extant, and as noted above, the glass bricks have been replaced with steel framed windows.



Figure 1 85-89 Sutton Street as viewed from the north-east.



Figure 2 85-89 Sutton Street as viewed from the north-west.



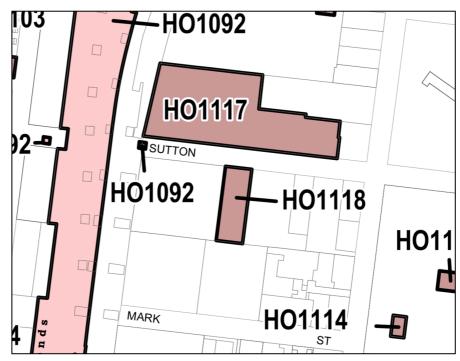
Figure 3 90-104 Berkeley Street as viewed from the north-west.



Figure 4 90-104 Berkeley Street as viewed from the south-west.

#### 6.0 Heritage Listings

- 15. Neither 85-89 Sutton Street nor 90-104 Berkeley Street is included on the Victorian Heritage Register or has been classified by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria).
- 16. 85-89 Sutton Street is currently identified as HO1118 in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay of the Melbourne Planning Scheme. 90-104 Berkeley Street is identified as HO1126.



The subject site at 85-89 Sutton Street (HO1118). Figure 5

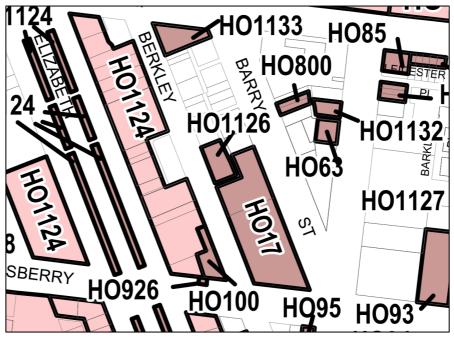


Figure 6 The subject site at 90-104 Berkeley Street (HO1126).

# 7.0 Significance

17. The statement of significance for 85-89 Sutton Street, as included in the *Arden Macaulay Heritage Review 2012: Statements of Significance June 2016*, an incorporated document at Clause 81.01, is reproduced below:

What is significant?

This six-level red brick sawtooth profile building of 1956 includes:

- Modernist design character devoid of any of the stylistic ornament of most previous wool stores in the City;
- a vast floor space with the requisite sawtooth roof on the top floor;
- roof clad with deep profile corrugated fibre cement sheet;
- continuous aluminium framed horizontal glazing strips encircle the building, divided by cavity brick clad spandrels;
- window glazing with heat absorbing glass;
- a concrete encased steel frame expressed on the exterior of the building;
- metal clad sliding timber doors regularly spaced along the ground floor, broken only where
  they meet a vertical glazed curtain wall extending the height of the building at its south
  end;
- an interior of broad expanses of suspended concrete floor slabs, punctuated only by the drop elevator enclosures for the bails; and
- originally a large goods lift was located next to the reinforced concrete escape stair at the south end of the building's west elevation.

How is it significant?

Victorian Producers Co-operative Company Ltd. No. 5 Wool Store significant historically and aesthetically to North Melbourne and the City of Melbourne.

Why is it significant?

Victorian Producers Co-operative Company Ltd. No. 5 Wool Store significant

Historically, as a major built symbol of the importance of primary production and in particular, wool growing and marketing, to Australia, particularly in the post Second War period, and the strength of growers in successfully organising this market. The building is one of the few surviving structures built for a company that received wide national press coverage because of its representation of growers from many parts of Australia, its evolution being part of a national primary producer cooperative movement: the Victorian Producers Co-operative Company became one of the biggest. Also by its scale as indicative of the special role played by North Melbourne and Kensington in industrial expansion for the City of Melbourne and the State and the traditional link with primary industry (Criterion A); and

Aesthetically, as an austere but totally functional example of the Modernist approach to a building type that has simple and lingering requirements from the Victorian-era onwards as indicted by its layout, open floor space, and sawtooth top level (Criterion E).

18. The statement of significance for 90-104 Berkeley Street, as included in the *City North Heritage Review 2013 Statements of Significance (Revised June 2015)*, an incorporated document at Clause 81.01, is reproduced below:

What is Significant?

The building, in particular the façade featuring unpainted brickwork, steel-framed windows, as well as the painted Repco signage.

How is it Significant?

The Repco warehouse is of historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Melbourne.

Why is it Significant?

Built in 1938, the Repco warehouse is historically significant as it is representative of the phase of land consolidation and development that occurred in this part of Carlton during the first half of the 20th century when there was a major shift from largely residential to mostly commercial land use. Like much of the Interwar development in the area, it has associations with the automotive industry as it was built for Repco, which had other sites nearby during the mid-20th century (278 Queensberry Street and 618-630 Elizabeth Street) and which still operates widely across Australia. (AHC Criterion A4)

The Repco warehouse is of aesthetic significance as it has landmark value and is being a remarkably intact and fine example of a Moderne style building. Elements of note include the asymmetric composition comprising the cream brick tower and contrasting brown brick sections with steel-framed windows. (AHC Criterion E1)

19. The Heritage Places Inventory March 2018, an incorporated document at Clause 81.01, identifies both 85-89 Sutton Street and 90-104 Berkeley Street as C graded buildings in level 2 streetscapes. The existing grading system at Clause 22.05 is defined below:

#### 'A' Buildings

'A' buildings are of national or state importance, and are irreplaceable parts of Australia's built form heritage. Many will be either already included on, or recommended for inclusion on the Victorian Heritage Register or the Register of the National Estate.

# B' Buildings

B' buildings are of regional or metropolitan significance, and stand as important milestones in the architectural development of the metropolis. Many will be either already included on, or recommended for inclusion on the Register of the National Estate.

#### 'C' Buildings

'C' buildings. Demonstrate the historical or social development of the local area and /or make an important aesthetic or scientific contribution. These buildings comprise a variety of styles and building types. Architecturally they are substantially intact, but where altered, it is reversible. In some instances, buildings of high individual historic, scientific or social significance may have a greater degree of alteration.

### D' buildings

D' buildings are representative of the historical, scientific, architectural or social development of the local area. They are often reasonably intact representatives of particular periods, styles or building types. In many instances alterations will be reversible. They may also be altered examples which stand within a group of similar period, style or type or a street which retains

much of its original character. Where they stand in a row or street, the collective group will provide a setting which reinforces the value of the individual buildings.

### Level 1 Streetscapes

Level 1 streetscapes are collections of buildings outstanding either because they are a particularly well preserved group from a similar period or style, or because they are highly significant buildings in their own right.

### Level 2 Streetscapes

Level 2 streetscapes are of significance either because they still retain the predominant character and scale of a similar period or style, or because they contain individually significant buildings.

### Level 3 Streetscapes

Level 3 streetscapes may contain significant buildings, but they will be from diverse periods or styles, and of low individual significance or integrity.

### 8.0 Discussion

20. As noted above, Amendment C258 to the *Melbourne Planning Scheme* proposes to apply new heritage gradings to 85-89 Sutton Street and 90-104 Berkeley Street as a result of the altered grading system. Both properties will be identified as 'significant' buildings in ungraded streetscapes. This will be in the context of a three-tier grading system, which is proposed to be defined at Clause 22.05 as follows:

# 'Significant' heritage place:

A 'significant' heritage place is individually important at state or local level, and a heritage place in its own right. It is of historic, aesthetic, scientific, social or spiritual significance to the municipality. A 'significant' heritage place may be highly valued by the community; is typically externally intact; and/or has notable features associated with the place type, use, period, method of construction, siting or setting. When located in a heritage precinct a 'significant' heritage place can make an important contribution to the precinct.

#### 'Contributory' heritage place:

A 'contributory' heritage place is important for its contribution to a heritage precinct. It is of historic, aesthetic, scientific, social or spiritual significance to the heritage precinct. A 'contributory' heritage place may be valued by the community; a representative example of a place type, period or style; and/or combines with other visually or stylistically related places to demonstrate the historic development of a heritage precinct. 'Contributory' places are typically externally intact, but may have visible changes which do not detract from the contribution to the heritage precinct.

# Non-contributory' place:

A 'non-contributory' place does not make a contribution to the cultural significance or historic character of the heritage precinct.

- 21. The move away from an alphabetical grading system is supported. It is consistent with the approach taken in other municipalities and is supported by the Planning Practice Note *Applying the Heritage Overlay* (revised September 2012), which recommends against the use of 'letter gradings'.
- 22. The Methodology Report for the Heritage Gradings Review (Lovell Chen October 2015) noted that the process of re-grading was largely undertaken as a desk-top study and relied chiefly upon existing information in relation to heritage properties. In relation to individual heritage overlay places, the methodology report states that these were not reviewed, but automatically transferred across to a 'significant' grading 'on the understanding that such properties are regarded as individually significant'.
- 23. In response to submissions in relation to the exhibited amendment, the Report to the Future Melbourne (Planning) Committee (21 June 2016) noted that:

Further to the property gradings review, concerns were identified about the recommended automatic translation of individual Heritage Overlays (HOs) to the new significant grading ... While accepting that some individual HO properties are currently C and D graded – a legacy of earlier heritage studies – the automatic translation was recommended by Lovell Chen on the basis that individual HOs are regarded as significant under the Planning Scheme.

- 24. It is not disputed that places currently subject to an individual Heritage Overlay control seem a good fit with the *proposed* definition of a 'significant' heritage place under Amendment C258. It is the case, however, that C graded buildings with individual heritage overlays have a lower degree of significance than A and B graded buildings, even if all technically fit the new definition of a 'significant' heritage place, and some should reasonably be defined as 'contributory' rather than 'significant'.
- 25. In regard to both subject buildings, the question of an appropriate grading has only recently been examined. The Panel for Amendment C198 in 2014 concluded that the building at 90-104 Berkeley Street 'is of historical significance and of aesthetic importance' and warranted a C grading. The Panel for Amendment C207 in 2013 found that the building at 85-89 Sutton Street should also be graded C, commenting that:

The Panel's view is that the building is of local heritage significance and properly graded C. We also agree with Mr Raworth, that it is not a highly significant building, however, even in the local context. We think that notwithstanding the building was surrounded by other warehouse buildings in 1983 when Mr Butler earlier surveyed the area, its not being identified as of significance at that time points to its relatively low significance status. It was similarly not identified in other later studies except for the current Review. In our view, this utilitarian building of brick and concrete is certainly not an example of wool stores created during the period when the wool export industry was at its peak. [my emphasis]

26. In each instance the Amendment was being reviewed, as were the buildings in question, in the context of policy at Clause 22.05 in which C grade buildings were considered 'contributory' and were subject to a specific range of heritage policies tailored for 'contributory' buildings.

- 27. The purpose of the Heritage Overlay is not only to conserve and enhance heritage places, but also to facilitate appropriate adaptation and reuse of heritage buildings. It is generally understood and accepted that there is a connection between the level of significance or grading of a heritage place and the appropriate policy framework around demolition and new works. Amendment C258 proposes changes to the policy at Clause 22.05 that will have considerable implications for how development applications are assessed. In the case of 85-89 Sutton Street and 90-104 Berkeley Street, the level of protection afforded by the policy for 'significant' graded buildings is not commensurate with their degree of significance.
- 28. Under the existing heritage policy at Clause 22.05, the demolition of the rear parts of C grade building such as 85-89 Sutton Street and 90-104 Berkeley Street is generally permitted. Where a C graded building becomes 'significant' under the new grading system there would at face value be a much greater restriction on the permissible extent of demolition. The proposed heritage policy at Clause 22.05 generally seeks to preserve all original external fabric of significant buildings:

Partial demolition will not generally be permitted in the case of significant buildings...

29. The application of a significant grading to C graded places outside of the Capital City Zone also has implications in terms of new works, particularly in terms of the visibility of rear additions. Under the existing heritage policy at Clause 22.05, the degree of concealment encouraged for upper storey additions was influenced by streetscape levels:

Higher rear parts of a new building, and of an addition to an existing graded building, should be concealed in a Level 1 streetscape, and partly concealed in a Level 2 and 3 streetscape. Also, additions to outstanding buildings (A' and B' graded buildings anywhere in the municipality) should always be concealed. In most instances, setting back a second-storey addition to a single-storey building, at least 8 metres behind the front facade will achieve concealment.

30. Under the proposed policy at Clause 22.05:

Additions to a significant or contributory building must be concealed in significant streetscapes. In other streetscapes, additions to significant buildings must be concealed...

- 31. There has been no site-specific information, research or analysis provided to indicate that significance of the subject sites is such that would warrant more onerous policy requirements. In relation to former industrial buildings more generally, where the footprint of the structure occupies the entirety of its allotment, the proposed policies would unreasonably constrain opportunities for adaptive reuse in a way that appears not to be justified.
- 32. Furthermore, in the case of 90-104 Berkeley Street, where the land is covered by Schedule 5 to the Capital City Zone (CCZ5), it is important to note that the policies in relation to the concealment of higher rear parts (including additions) are not currently applicable. The provisions of Clause 22.05 relating to CCZ5 were introduced in the relatively recent past on the recommendations of the C198 Panel.

These provisions have not been translated to Clause 22.05 as currently proposed by Amendment C258.

- 33. The current heritage policies at Clause 22.05 appropriately recognise that visible upper level additions, and visually dominant tall built form, are reasonably anticipated and encouraged by other aspects of Council policy relating to CCZ5.
- 34. The C198 Panel recommended that Council prepare a heritage policy for the City North area which reflects the City North Structure Plan's aim to integrate the area's heritage into urban renewal. Subsequent to that recommendation, Clause 22.05 was modified to introduce specific provisions, or exemptions from provisions, relative to the City North area.
- 35. However, contrary to the Panel recommendation, the heritage policy proposed under Amendment C258 does not sufficiently recognise the specific circumstances affecting the redevelopment potential of heritage sites in CCZ5. This would perpetuate conflicts between the heritage policy and broader non-heritage planning objectives in CCZ5 that could said to have been largely resolved through the Amendment C198 changes to Clause 22.05. The C198 Panel were of the view that it was not good practice to propose changes to a Planning Scheme which perpetuate policy conflicts or tensions.
- 36. The proposed C258 Clause 22.05 should be amended to include policy distinctions for the City North area comparable to, or an improvement upon, those introduced subsequent to Amendment C198. Consideration should also be given to extending these provisions to other strategic areas such as the Macauley Arden area, where there is strategic justification for a type of development that may not reflect what is appropriate in the lower scale residential areas more typically managed by means of Clause 22.05.
- 37. Amendment C258 also deletes the provision from the current heritage policy at Clause 22.05 which requires the responsible authority to consider:

Whether the demolition or removal is justified for the development of land or the alteration of, or addition to, a building.

- 38. This provision is relevant where an argument is to be made in favour of an application to partially or fully demolish a graded building to allow for a development offering appreciable benefits to the wider community. In the case of former industrial sites such as the subject buildings, it is often the case that there is appreciable community benefit to be had with their adaptation, particularly in an area like CCZ5, but also having regard for the present broader planning framework relating to 85-89 Sutton Street.
- 39. Having regard for these matters, it would be appropriate for the grading of both 85-89 Sutton Street and 90-104 Berkeley Street proposed under Amendment C258 to be amended to 'contributory', and the definition of 'contributory' places revised to reflect the fact that some 'contributory' sites are subject to site specific Heritage Overlay controls.

40. It may be appropriate to examine the potential for a serial listing approach to be introduced for the many industrial buildings that are currently individually identified in the Heritage Overlay. The concept of serial listing is explained in further detail in *Planning Practice Note 1: Applying the Heritage Overlay* (January 2018):

Places that share a common history and/or significance but which do not adjoin each other or form a geographical grouping may be considered for treatment as a single heritage place. Each place that forms part of the group might share a common statement of significance; a single entry in the Heritage Overlay Schedule and a single Heritage Overlay number.

This approach has been taken to the listing of Chicory Kilns on Phillip Island in the Bass Coast Planning Scheme. The kilns are dispersed across the island but share a common significance. Group listing of the kilns also draws attention to the fact that the kilns are not just important on an individual basis, but are collectively significant as a group.

- 41. In the case of Berkeley Street, this might be a serial listing relating to the industrial buildings of the City North area. In the case of 85-89 Sutton Street, it might be listed in a serial listing (or else a precinct) of wool warehouses with the building across the road (HO1117 64-90 Sutton Street, North Melbourne, Commonwealth Wool & Produce Company Ltd later Elder Smith & Co Wool Stores), with 85-89 Sutton Street identified as 'contributory'.
- 42. The proposed heritage policy at Clause 22.05 should also be amended, as discussed above.

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From 2004-2011 Raworth was a member of the Official Establishments Trust, which advises on the conservation and improvement of Admiralty House and Kirribilli House in Sydney and Government House and The Lodge in Canberra. As a member of the former Historic Buildings Council in Victoria, sitting on the Council's permit, planning and community relations committees, Raworth has been involved with the registration and permit processes for many registered historic buildings. In 1996 he was appointed an alternate member of the new Heritage Council, the successor the Historic Buildings Council, and in 1998 was made a full member. At present he provides regular advice to architects and private owners on technical, architectural and planning issues relative to the conservation and adaptation of historic buildings, and is occasionally called upon to provide expert advice before the VCAT. He is currently the conservation consultant for the cities of Kingston, Frankston and Stonnington.

Bryce Raworth Pty Ltd has prepared conservation plans for a number of registered historic buildings, including Walter Burley Griffin's Essendon Incinerator. The company's experience with institutional buildings has led to preparation of conservation plans for the Mac.Robertson Girls' High School, Castlemaine Gaol, J Ward, Ararat, the former Russell Street Police Headquarters, Ballarat State Offices, Camberwell Court House, Shepparton Court House and the Mont Park asylum precinct.

With respect to historic precincts, the company has provided detailed advice towards the resolution of heritage issues along the Upfield railway line. The company is currently contributing to redevelopment plans for the former Coburg Prisons Complex (comprising Pentridge Prison and the Metropolitan Prison) and the former Albion Explosives Factory, Maribyrnong. In 1993 Bryce Raworth led a consultant team which reviewed the City of Melbourne's conservation data and controls for the CBD, and in 1997 Bryce Raworth Pty Ltd revised the former City of South Melbourne Conservation Study with respect to the area within the present City of Melbourne.

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RAIA Jury, Conservation Category, 1995, 1996, 1998 and 2001 Awards (Chairman 1996 & 1998)

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JG Knight Award, conservation of Heide 1, Royal Australian Institute of Architects, Victorian Chapter, 2003

Lachlan Macquarie Award for heritage (commendation), conservation of Heide 1, Royal Australian Institute of Architects National Award program, 2003

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