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Dear Ms Agius

We refer to the above mentioned matter and advise that we continue to act for the Lost Dog's Home 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.

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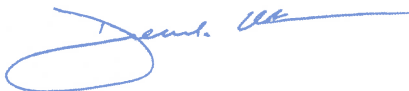
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2 Gracie Street, North Melbourne**

We refer to the above mentioned matter and advise that we act for the Lost Dog's Home 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 client intends to rely on at the upcoming hearing for this matter.

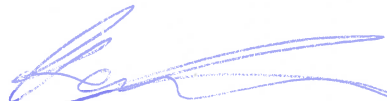
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Expert Witness Statement to Panel  
Amendment C258 to the Melbourne Planning Scheme

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1.0 Introduction

1. This report was prepared under instruction from HWL Ebsworth on behalf of the Lost Dogs' Home at 2 Gracie Street, North Melbourne. 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 Lost Dogs' Home is currently individually identified in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay as H0869.
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. This sought to modify the grading of the subject property from a D graded building in a level 3 streetscape to 'significant'. Following submissions on behalf of the Lost Dogs' Home, including heritage advice provided by my office, Council adopted changes to the Amendment, which now seeks to modify the grading of the subject site from 'D3' to 'contributory'.
3. My office has previously provided heritage advice in relation to the subject property, when the question of an appropriate grading for the place was reviewed in 2013 as part of 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 multiple inspections of the subject site, and a review of the relevant Amendment C258 documentation. Reference has also been made to the Panel report in relation to Amendment C207, as well as my expert witness statement in relation to the same.
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

8. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Raworth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**BRYCE RAWORTH**

## 5.0 Brief History<sup>1</sup>

9. In 1910 a group of concerned citizens took up the cause of improving the welfare of Melbourne's stray and neglected dogs. Inter alia, their aim was to build a shelter and an organisation that would help reunite lost dogs with their owners, while also finding homes for abandoned dogs.
10. The Lost Dogs' Home Committee held their first meeting on March 17, 1911 and worked over the next year to raise funds for a permanent shelter. After some difficulty, the Committee eventually acquired a site in North Melbourne in June 1912 for £176. A member of the Committee with building experience, Mr Benjamin Barnes, reportedly played a lead role in preparing plans and estimates, and supervising construction works on the site.<sup>2</sup>
11. A weatherboard caretaker's cottage, six kennels, exercise yards and a lethal chamber were in place by February 1913.<sup>3</sup> By March the following year, 'well kept' greens had been established on the site and six yards had been 'bricked and cemented'.<sup>4</sup> Early photographs show a tall timber paling fence enclosing the site.
12. Initially named the 'Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs', the facility was officially opened on February 28, 1913 by Lady Gertrude Denman, wife of the Governor General. In 1913-1914, the Home used a donation to purchase an additional block of land 33 feet by 132 feet (10 x 40 metres) adjacent to the original site.<sup>5</sup> This allowed for new yards and sheds and a new lethal chamber.
13. Prominent architect Harold Desbrowe Annear was involved in the early building works at the Home but perhaps only to a limited extent given Benjamin Barnes' all encompassing role in the initial programme of works. Annear placed tender notices for new yards and additional accommodation in 1914. It is thought that this may relate to the installation of a new lethal chamber that was tested in 1915.<sup>6</sup> Annear was apparently present when the chamber was tested, which would suggest that he was involved in its construction. Annear also prepared drawings for wheeled kennels in July 1917.<sup>7</sup>
14. From 1915, the Home began to collect and care for dogs from other municipalities including Brunswick, Footscray, Hawthorn, Northcote, Port Melbourne and Williamstown. Other councils also sent dogs that had been seized.

<sup>1</sup> This brief history has been reproduced from my November 2013 Expert Witness Statement to Panel in relation to Amendment C207 to the Melbourne Planning Scheme.

<sup>2</sup> Felicity Jack, *Faithful Friends A History of Animal Welfare in North Melbourne*, p.16.

<sup>3</sup> *Argus*, 28 February 1913, p.5.

<sup>4</sup> *Argus*, 30 March 1914, p.7.

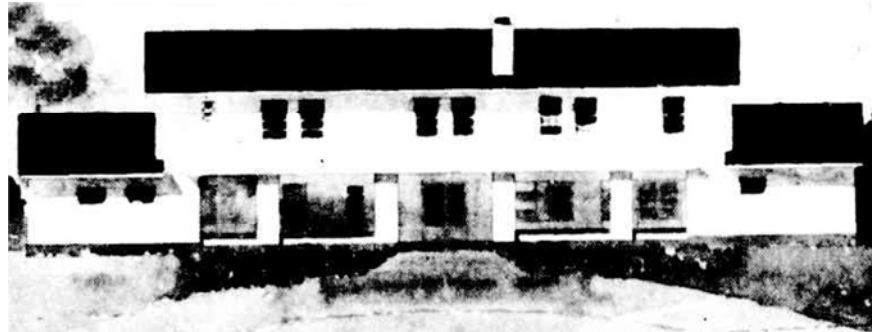
<sup>5</sup> Felicity Jack, *Faithful Friends A History of Animal Welfare in North Melbourne*, p.16.

<sup>6</sup> Harriet Edquist, *Harold Desbrowe-Annear, A Life in Architecture*, p.263.

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15. In January 1934, *The Argus* reported that £1,500 had been spent on preparatory work for the proposed Centenary memorial building at The Lost Dogs' Home. The new building was to contain an operating theatre, clinic, dispensary, consulting and staff rooms, and superintendent's residential quarters.<sup>8</sup> The architects were Peck and Kempter. In July 1934, The Lost Dogs' Home further publicised its intention to open a new animal hospital, having signed a contract with the Reinforced Concrete and Monier Pipe Construction Company for a £3000 building.<sup>9</sup> The new building was officially opened on 27 May 1935 by Governor General Sir Isaac Isaacs.
16. The Lost Dogs' Home undertook major redevelopment works in 1983 using donated money.<sup>10</sup> According to Felicity Jack, a number of buildings were demolished at this time, including stables, a caretaker's residence and the 'old hospital' (it is not clear if the 'old hospital' was a stand-alone building or a facility contained within the 1934 administration building).<sup>11</sup> A new hospital was built with a fully equipped surgery, recovery room and X-ray facilities. It was reported at the time to have been the most modern veterinary hospital in Melbourne.<sup>12</sup> The 1983 works also included upgrading of staff facilities, the building of 78 new kennels with heated floors, and the creation of a large grassed area for exercising dogs. More recently, the Home's main clinic was relocated to a separate building on the corner of Reynolds Street and Boundary Road.



*Figure 1* A 1934 illustration of the new administration building at The Lost Dogs' Home.

Source: *The Argus*

<sup>8</sup> *Argus*, 5 January 1934, p.5.

<sup>9</sup> Felicity Jack, *Faithful Friends A History of Animal Welfare in North Melbourne*, p.48.

<sup>10</sup> Felicity Jack, *Faithful Friends A History of Animal Welfare in North Melbourne*, p.85.

<sup>11</sup> Felicity Jack, *Faithful Friends A History of Animal Welfare in North Melbourne*, p.85.

<sup>12</sup> Felicity Jack, *Faithful Friends A History of Animal Welfare in North Melbourne*, p.85.

## 6.0 Description

17. The subject site is an irregularly shaped parcel of land bordered by Gracie Street to the north, Langford Street to the west and Green Street to the south. Built form on the site includes the main administration building as well as a range of single-storey kennels, exercise yards and other outbuildings of wholly utilitarian design. These latter structures are generally of red brick or metal construction and have flat or skillion roofs.
18. The 1934 administration building is located in the centre of the site with its principal elevation facing north towards Gracie Street. It is a double-storey gable roofed building flanked by two small single-storey wings which also have gabled roofs. External walls are rendered with face brick accents. The roof is clad in glazed terracotta tiles and punctuated by two simply detailed chimneys with rendered shafts and face brick caps. Stylistically, the building draws primarily on domestic bungalow sources with certain details suggestive of the interwar Moderne style - such as the bands of horizontal face brick on the rear elevation and the sash windows with horizontal glazing bars.
19. The administration building has undergone a number of unsympathetic alterations including the enclosure of the front loggia with timber framed windows. Flat roofed single-storey additions have been built at either end of the front elevation and to the rear elevation. There is also a modern steel staircase and walkway at the eastern end of the front elevation and a concrete paved access ramp.
20. The original timber perimeter fence has long since been removed and replaced by a tall, plainly detailed red brick fence with evenly spaced piers capped with render. The fence appears to date from the late interwar or early postwar period. The western half of the fence to Green Street has been rebuilt more recently and other parts of the fence have been removed to fit modern steel roller doors. The Langford Street boundary has a modern chain link fence behind a low red brick fence. The chain link fence returns part way along the Green and Gracie Street boundaries.
21. The broader site has been substantially transformed over the years and appears to retain little built form pre-dating the postwar period. Nothing appears to remain of the early Annear designed structures – or at least anything of the quality of Annear's other work. The present configuration of kennels and other outbuildings seems to be largely a result of the major upgrade of facilities undertaken in the 1980s.



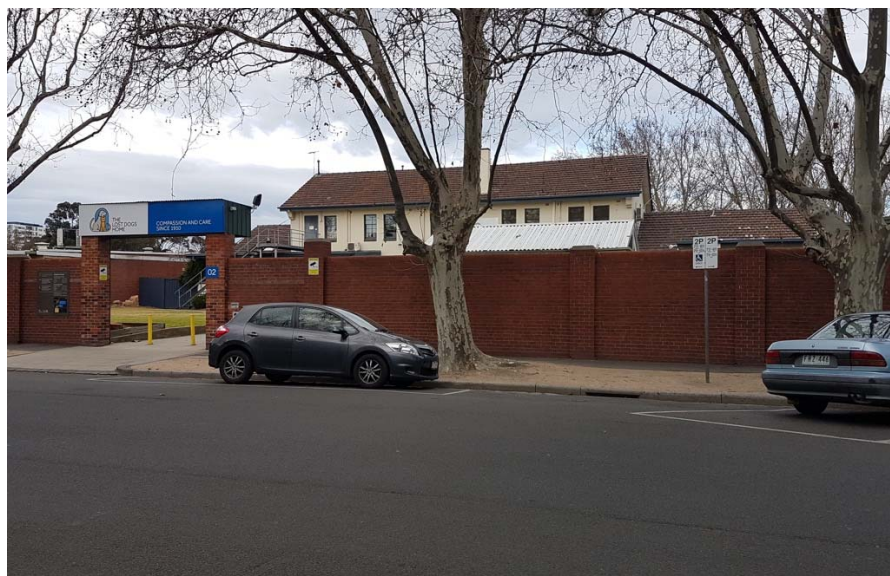
*Figure 2      The administration building at the Lost Dogs' Home.*



*Figure 3      The additions at the north-eastern end of the facade.*



*Figure 4      The addition at the south-western end of the facade.*





*Figure 5 The tall red brick fence to the Gracie Street boundary.*



*Figure 6 The property as viewed from Langford Street, showing one of the kennel buildings behind the chain link fence.*

#### 7.0 Heritage Listings

22. The subject site is not included on the Victorian Heritage Register and has not been classified by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria).
23. The site is currently identified as H0869 in the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay of the *Melbourne Planning Scheme*.

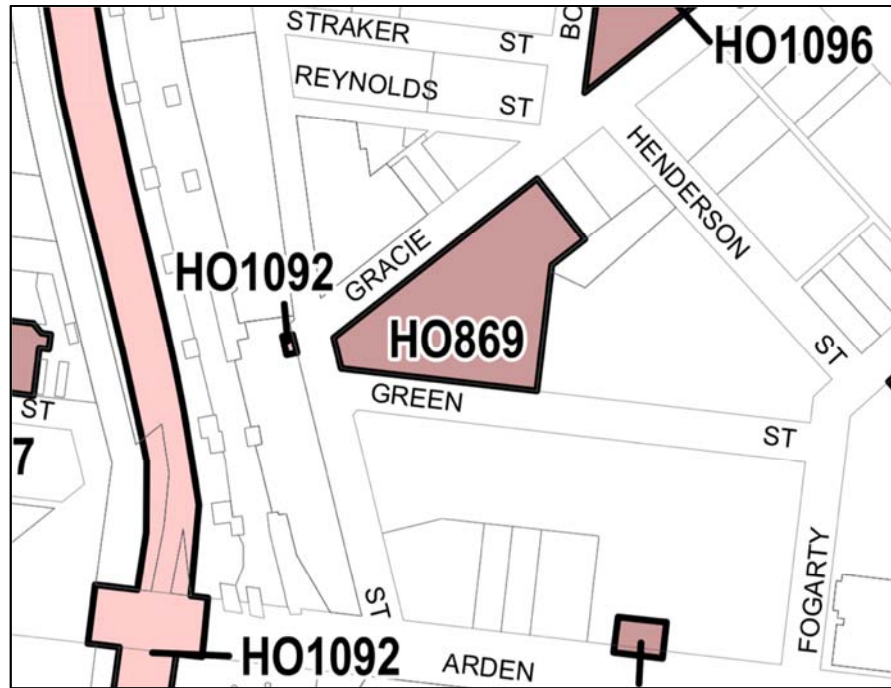


Figure 7 The extent of HO869 is shown at the centre of image.  
Source: Melbourne Planning Scheme.

## 8.0 Significance

24. The statement of significance for the place, 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 near symmetrical administration building and residence of 1934-5 includes:*

- *two storey scale,*
- *stuccoed walls,*
- *a gabled and tiled roof with longitudinal ridge,*
- *a clinker brick clad ground level with loggias or verandahs (part filled in),*
- *tall cemented chimney,*
- *regularly spaced double-hung sash windows.*
- *Marseilles profile Roof tiles, blended pattern.*

### *How is it significant?*

*The Lost Dogs Home & Animal Hospital is significant historically, socially and aesthetically to North Melbourne and the City.*

### *Why is it significant?*

*The Lost Dogs Home & Animal Hospital is significant:*

*Historically and socially, for its long association with animal welfare in the State and some of its most active promoters while claimed as the first formal public animal veterinary service in Victoria and Australia; also as*

*the focus of many public fund raising events and celebrity activity in the name of animal health (Criteria A, G)*

25. The *Heritage Places Inventory March 2018*, an incorporated document at Clause 81.01, identifies the subject property as a D graded building in a level 3 streetscape. 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.*

## 9.0 Discussion

26. As noted above, Amendment C258 to the *Melbourne Planning Scheme* proposes to apply a new heritage grading to the subject property as a result of the replacement of the current alphabetic grading system. The *City of Melbourne Heritage Review: Local Heritage Policies and Precinct Statements of Significance Methodology Report (updated May 2016)* notes 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. Accordingly, the *Heritage Places Inventory* as initially exhibited proposed to modify the grading of the subject property from a D graded place in a level 3 streetscape to 'significant'.
27. The method of automatically migrating individual heritage overlay places to a 'significant' grading is not appropriate in that it fails to take into account the varying degrees of significance of individual overlay places within the City of Melbourne. In the case of the Lost Dogs Home, the question of an appropriate grading for the site was only recently reviewed in detail as a part of Amendment C207 to the *Melbourne Planning Scheme*. In this, the Panel agreed with my assessment of the place, stating:

*... the Panel agrees with the evidence given by Mr. Raworth for the Lost Dogs' Home that the Lost Dogs' Home is not of great architectural importance being quasi-domestic in appearance and unremarkable. It does not in our view 'make an important aesthetic or scientific contribution' as envisaged for a C graded building.*

28. The Panel went on to recommend that:

*15. That the Lost Dogs' Home site at 2-52 Gracie Street, North Melbourne should not be regraded to C3 but remain as D3 in the incorporated Heritage Inventory and Statements of Significance document. The Statement of Significance in the Heritage Review should also desirably be modified to refer to a D3 grading.*

29. In response to submissions on behalf of the Lost Dogs' Home, the officer report found within the *Future Melbourne Committee Agenda Item 6.4, Planning Scheme Amendment C258 Heritage Policies Review & West Melbourne Heritage Review*, dated 20 February 2018, noted that:

*The Statement of Significance for 2-52 Gracie Street, which is incorporated into the Planning Scheme at pg 50 of the 'Arden Macaulay*



*Heritage Review 2012 Statements of Significance' states that it is the administration building and residence of 1934-5 that are the significant fabric on the site. This is a large site with many other buildings so it is recommended that this site be referred to as a precinct, rather than an individual heritage place and that the admin building and the residence of 1934-5 are listed in the inventory as the contributory heritage places.*

30. The most recent version of the *Heritage Places Inventory* has been updated in line with this recommendation. The '*Administration Building and Residence of 1934-5*' is identified as 'contributory' in an ungraded streetscape in the revised *Heritage Places Inventory*, albeit within a 'precinct'. This is 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 heritage significance or historic character of the heritage precinct.*

31. The identification of this site, containing only one heritage building, as a 'precinct' seems an artificial device through which to respond to the relatively low significance of this site specific heritage place within the terms of the proposed Amendment and the associated gradings and heritage policy.
32. In addition to changes to the grading system, Amendment C258 proposes to revise Clause 22.05 of the *Melbourne Planning Scheme*, Heritage Places outside the Capital City Zone, introducing heritage policy that provides more specific guidance with regards to heritage places and development. The migration of a D3 graded place to 'contributory' has implications in terms of

how development applications would be assessed under the new Clause 22.05. It should be noted that D3 graded buildings are not 'contributory' under the terms of the present heritage policy:

*Contributory building means a 'C' grade building anywhere in the municipality, or a 'D' grade building in a Level 1 or Level 2 streetscape.*

33. Under the existing heritage policy, the demolition of the rear parts of D graded buildings, as well as whole buildings in some circumstances, can reasonably be considered. With the proposed Clause 22.05:

*Full demolition of significant or contributory buildings would only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.*

*Partial demolition will not generally be permitted in the case of significant buildings and of significant elements or the front or principal part of contributory buildings.*

34. It is not clear how discretion might be exercised in relation to the concept of 'significant elements' in terms of the subject 'contributory' building. There is no clear definition of 'significant elements' within the proposed Clause 22.05, nor within the data provided in Council's heritage study, citation and i-heritage database.

35. Amendment C258 also deletes the provision from the current heritage policy 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.*' 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.

36. I remain of the view that the Lost Dogs' Home is a building of low significance, and that substantial or even full demolition and redevelopment may potentially be considered a reasonable response having regard for the level of significance and the proper balancing of planning matters including non-heritage considerations. The grading upgrade and policy change as proposed by Amendment C258 have the potential to be prejudicial to such redevelopment in a manner that is not justified.

37. Furthermore, if the Lost Dogs' Home property is to be considered as a precinct, it should be questioned what the value is of a precinct with only one contributory building. A single graded building in a precinct is, in reality if not intent, an individual heritage place: if the 'contributory' building was not graded, there would be no precinct. Rather than trying to force atypical heritage places such as this to fit the definitions and provisions of policy, Clause 22.05 and the associated definitions should be flexible enough such that they can be validly applied to sites such as this. This could be done by expanding the definition of 'contributory' places to recognise that in some instances they are subject to site specific Heritage Overlays. It might

otherwise be possible to include the site within a group or serial listing of lowly graded site specific Heritage Overlay places.

38. Having regard for these matters, the proposed heritage policy at Clause 22.05 should be amended to provide a more appropriate policy provision in relation to the full and partial demolition of lowly graded buildings that are subject to a site-specific Heritage Overlay control, including removal of the reference to 'significant elements' in relation to 'contributory' buildings.
39. In addition, the definition of 'contributory' heritage places should be broadened so that it encompasses places with individual heritage overlay controls that make a contribution to the heritage significance of the local area or broader municipality.

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