

Use this form to lodge a submission to Heritage Victoria in response to the public notice of a heritage permit under Section 95 of the *Heritage Act 2017*.

Prior to making a submission please read Heritage Victoria's Policy Guideline for Public Notice of Heritage Permit Applications and Submissions Received.

In considering a permit application the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria, considers matters set out under Section 101 of the *Heritage Act 2017* (the Act), which includes all submissions received during the public notice period. Submissions received should relate to the cultural heritage significance of the place or object. Planning matters including amenity, overshadowing of non-heritage properties, noise, traffic and car parking are not matters considered in determining a permit under the Act.

Submit the completed form to Heritage Victoria before midnight on the last date of the public notice period via email at [heritage.permits@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:heritage.permits@delwp.vic.gov.au).

**Please note:**

*Submissions received will be treated as a public document and may be provided to persons with an interest in the heritage place or object, including the applicant. This will include your name and contact details.*

*The advertised permit will not be determined during the notice period.*

*All submitters will be notified when the permit application is determined and if any future permit amendment applications are received. Please note that where petitions are received only the submitter will be contacted.*

## 1. Application Details

Place or object name:	Former Hoffmans Brickworks
Address or GPS location:	72-106 Dawson Street, Brunswick
Victorian Heritage Register number:	H0703
Permit Application Number:	P31711

## 2. Personal Details

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### 3. Submission Details

**Please outline your views about the permit application:**

I object to the issuing of a permit and urge the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria to refuse the application on the following grounds:

This is an extremely important site for Brunswick. It relates to the industrial heritage of the suburb which has formed its character since the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century. The brickworks provided employment to many over the years and the chimneys continue to be an important landmark.

A Conservation Management Plan was drawn up in 1999 and agreed to by the owners, It provided for the retention of historic buildings on the site – of which Buildings 5 and 6 which are the subject of the current application – were regarded as particularly important. Moreland Council, the National Trust and the local community were all involved in developing the plan.

In 2003, an agreement was entered into between Council and the land owner as part of the process that allowed the subdivision of the brickworks precinct. This required the owner to develop the site in a way to ensure that the heritage buildings were retained and conserved.

Since then the majority of the site has been developed and there has been a constant saga of heritage buildings being modified (Kilns 1 and 2) or demolished (the Gatehouse) . The owner claimed it would not be economically viable to restore these buildings. Variations to the conditions of the permit have been allowed on this basis with the understanding that profits from the development would fund restoration of Buildings 5 and 6 and their conversion into an interpretation centre. In addition, Moreland Council made a grant of \$400,000 to fund this.

Buildings 5 and 6 have been neglected over many years and allowed to fall into disrepair to the extent that they now pose a safety risk. The owner should not be rewarded for this negligent behaviour.

The proposed replica of the Brick Pressing Shed is not an acceptable replacement and, given the record of the owner, there is no guarantee that this would ever be built.

The proposed multi-storey apartment building would block views of the chimneys and is completely out of character with the rest of the site.

We have a rare opportunity to preserve these important building and it is important that this is not wasted.

Thank you for making a submission to Heritage Victoria. Please note that submissions received outside the advertised period will not be considered as a formal submission but may be considered under section 101(3) (b) *of the Act* - 'any other relevant matter.'

To obtain a copy of your own lodged submission please contact Heritage Victoria on (03) 7022 6373 or at [heritage.permits@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:heritage.permits@delwp.vic.gov.au).