

25 October 2018

Lord Mayor Quirk
Office of the Lord Mayor
GPO Box 2287
Brisbane Qld 4001

Dear Lord Mayor Quirk,

Re: Broadway Hotel, Woolloongabba

We learnt with dismay that the historic Broadway Hotel at Woolloongabba, a place entered in the Queensland Heritage Register, and a significant building in the Brisbane City landscape suffered extensive damage in a fire on Sunday 2nd September. This prominent Brisbane heritage place has deteriorated and suffered from a lack of maintenance and subsequent lack of use for a number of years. Following the recent fire, we are more concerned that the future of this building is at risk – a risk that will increase each day if urgent stabilisation works are not carried out.

We applaud the Minister of Environment and Science for placing a “Stop Order” on the building to pre-empt any move to demolish the Broadway Hotel. We understand that the Minister has written also to Council with a request that Brisbane City Council issue now an **enforcement notice** under Section 248 of the *Building Act 1975* to the owner of the property to enforce their responsibilities regarding the safety and preservation of the site.

We understand that the Department of Environment and Science have commissioned engineering and specialist reports which have advised the extent of work required to stabilise the buildings and that in this instance, the *Building Act 1975* (**which is enforceable only by Council**) is the tool to ensure the works are actually done, to protect and stabilise this significant Brisbane City property. Hence we urge that Brisbane City Council issue the required enforcement notice without delay.

We look forward to your response of this letter and you're the enforcement action.

Yours sincerely,



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