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FORREST BLOCK 8 SECTION 35 - 2 FITZROY STREET FORREST RETROSPECTIVE APPROVALS TO DA

This site and building is in a heritage listed precinct and has been subject to several previous submissions by the National Trust and the proposal for further retrospective approvals is of great concern.

This is a heritage listed site and as such it is essential to achieve satisfactory heritage outcomes. Trying to achieve retrospective approvals is contrary to best practice or best conservation outcomes.

If what exists on this site now was replicated on each block in the precinct the outcome would be a complete devastation of the heritage values and significance of the precinct.

The so-called garage initially was a screen; a roof was added to cover it; and now it is a garage. This contravenes the Heritage Guidelines requiring an adequate set back from the existing/original building.

We note that A06C does not have heritage approval (A06B has).

We note that many of the changes are to the addition rather than the original building, but are concerned that the changes affect the overall presentation of the building and its setting.

Car park changes and landscape character are not clear and have been an ongoing concern. It appears less than the mandatory requirements are now proposed.

The roof material change is not consistent with the Conservation Guidelines for the precinct.

We are greatly concerned with this proposal and the proposed amendments.

Yours faithfully

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