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## An Open Letter to the Minister for Major Projects.

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3 July 2017 at 09:33

To: jacinta.allan@parliament.vic.gov.au

To: The Hon Jacinta Allan MP, Minister for Major Projects  
From: Brian Walsh, President, Kew Cottages Coalition  
Re: **Development Victoria**

Dear Minister,

After the Sunday Age's front page story about serious financial problems with the Kew Cottages development on 19 March, it was pleasing to see that on 6 April you announced a new approach to the development of public land in Victoria.

You were quoted as saying that your new agency, "Development Victoria will ensure development of land owned by the public, benefits the public."

Would you, therefore, please kindly explain why only a matter of days after your announcement, this very same agency, 'Development Victoria' signed off on yet another challenge to Heritage Victoria by the NSW developer Walker Corporation regarding your controversial Kew Cottages Major Project ?

According to a Public Notice in The Age (21/6) Walker are continuing to seek approval to build apartments on exactly the same piece of State Heritage listed Kew Cottages *public parkland* that Heritage Victoria's refused Walker permission to build on in 2015 ? (See: Copy Public Notice 21/6) enclosed)

As you are aware Walker Corporation not only unsuccessfully appealed to the Heritage Council, Walker then went on to appeal against the umpire, by challenging the constitution of the Victorian Heritage Council itself !

Walker lost that third appeal too.

So what exactly is going on ? Why is the Victorian heritage regulator's time being wasted once again in this way ?

Where is the 'new approach' to the development of public land that you refer to ?

How can your new agency's backing of this fourth challenge by a NSW developer be seen to be of any benefit whatsoever to the Victorian public ?

In our respectful submission, it is plainly contradictory for officers charged with representing 'Development Victoria' to continue to promote the private sale of Victoria's heritage listed *public parkland* for the benefit of this NSW developer.

Yours sincerely,

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enc: Copy S.67 Public Notice of Heritage Permit Application P26760 , The Age, 21 June 2017, plus Public Land Owner Details.

## HERITAGE ACT 1995

**Registered Heritage Place No H2073, Permit Number P26760  
FORMER KEW COTTAGES (KEW RESIDENTIAL SERVICES)  
PRINCESS STREET**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT an application under Section 67 of the Heritage Act to CONSTRUCT a THREE-LEVEL RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT BUILDING WITH a SINGLE-LEVEL BASEMENT WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY MAIN DRIVE AND OAK WALK has been lodged with the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria.

A copy of the application is available for inspection at [www.heritage.vic.gov.au](http://www.heritage.vic.gov.au) or at the offices of Heritage Victoria at 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm.

Telephone (03) 9938 6891 to make an appointment.

Any person may lodge a submission in respect of the application within 14 days of publication of this notice. Submissions must be in writing and addressed to Heritage Victoria PO Box 500 Melbourne 8002. Please note that any written submission received will be treated as a public document.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
HERITAGE VICTORIA**



**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CARRY OUT  
WORKS OR ACTIVITIES TO A HERITAGE PLACE  
OR HERITAGE OBJECT**

Pursuant to Section 67 of the *Heritage Act 1995*

Heritage Victoria

Phone: 136186

Email: [heritage\\_permits@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:heritage_permits@delwp.vic.gov.au)

Web: [www.heritage.vic.gov.au](http://www.heritage.vic.gov.au)

Questions marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory and must be completed. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant.

## Owner details

## Name

*The person or organisation that owns the heritage place or object*

Title\* Surname\* Given name\*

MR SPANJER CHARLES

**Applications made on behalf of organisations also require an individual applicant's name**

## Business details

Business/organisation name Secretary to the Dept of State Development

ACN Australian Company Number

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