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## Re: Moreland Planning Scheme Amendment C174: Heritage Gap Study

Dear Madam/Sir,

The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) (National Trust) is the state's largest community-based heritage advocacy organisation actively working towards conserving and protecting our heritage for future generations to enjoy, representing 16,000 members across Victoria.

We support Amendment C174 prepared by the City of Moreland which seeks to implement the recommendations of the *Moreland Heritage Gap Study 2017* (revised October 2018) and introduce the Heritage Overlay on a permanent basis to 80 individual heritage places, 4 heritage precincts, 4 serial listings and ten precinct extensions to the Moreland Planning Scheme. We strongly support the rigorous methodology engaged in the development of the Heritage Gap Study, and support council in seeking permanent controls based on the findings.

The amendment also seeks to introduce *The Moreland Heritage Exemptions Incorporated Plan 2017* into the Moreland Planning Scheme to assist Council to meet its statutory obligations for the management of local heritage into the future. We support the inclusion of the Incorporated Plan and the exemptions listed in the document. We are pleased to see reference to the *Australian Standard 4373: Pruning of Amenity Trees* under the Tree exemptions.

We acknowledge that Amendment C214 is consistent with the following objective under Section 4 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987:

*(d) to conserve and enhance those buildings, areas or other places which are of scientific, aesthetic, architectural or historical interest, or otherwise of special cultural value*

*(g) To balance the present and future interests of all Victorians*

We also recognise that the Amendment supports the National Trust's vision that 'our diverse heritage is protected and respected, contributing to strong, vibrant and prosperous communities', and our mission to 'inspire the community to appreciate, conserve and celebrate its diverse natural, cultural, social and Indigenous heritage'.

We commend the City of Moreland for progressing this amendment to conserve the cultural heritage of its community to ensure it can be enjoyed by future generations. The unique heritage character of many homes, neighbourhoods and precincts in Moreland are highly valued by local residents and the wider community, so appropriate recognition in the planning

scheme is essential to ensure places that are of cultural heritage significance are not vulnerable to unsympathetic redevelopment or demolition.

We believe that Amendment C174 will facilitate the further conservation of places with local heritage significant within the municipality, and that the proposed planning controls are the result of a detailed and rigorous assessment. Within a context of increasing development pressures within Moreland, we believe that this amendment will lead to a stronger focus on retaining unique heritage and neighbourhood character attributes.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the submission outlined above, please don't hesitate to contact my office on 9656 9837.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C Mitropoulos', written in a cursive style.

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