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To : "Pollution Hotline"

Subject : Deterioration of State Heritage Item: Maryborough Railway Station Complex ID 600702 - N-100234840 / C-CPLRC-100234841

Dear Sir/Ms,

I have been advised by a DES Heritage Officer to communicate via this provided email in relation to a State heritage item that is in rapidly deteriorating condition and potentially at risk from the owner, who is expanding the adjacent Station Shopping Centre at 142 Lennox Street, Maryborough.

The State Heritage item in question is:

<https://apps.des.qld.gov.au/heritage-register/detail/?id=600702>

Concern has been expressed from various parties regarding the deteriorating condition of structure/s relating to the Maryborough Railway Station Complex: specifically, 192 Lennox Street.

I understand that there may be a deliberate ♦ demolition by neglect ♦ situation.

I stress I have been unable to visit the site so I cannot provide a firsthand viewpoint (I am new to the position here at Council and have not yet acquired familiarity with all of the heritage properties in the LGA).

I have had discussion with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, CEO, relevant councillors and on a separate occasion, one of the key members of the local Heritage Advisory Committee, who expressed great concern about the situation. I was also informally advised that the developer expressed their intention to knock one or more of the structures down ♦ however, I have no evidence to support this beyond hearsay.

There is an enthusiasm to promote heritage in the area, but as the site is a State heritage listed item the Council is not in a position to address this.

It would be greatly appreciated if DES could make inquiries as to the condition of the heritage buildings and, if the above is correct, to issue a repairs/maintenance order before the affected structure/s are beyond the point of repair.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance in this matter.

Kind Regards

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