

NOTICE OF REFUSAL TO GRANT A PERMIT

HERITAGE ACT 1995



File No.	10/001457-01,
Application Dated	24 January 2011
Heritage Register No.	H0951
Registered Category	Heritage Place
Name of Place/Object	Abbotsford Convent
Location	Clarks and St Helliers Streets Abbotsford

WHAT HAS BEEN REFUSED?

Construction of a single storey timber framed building that provides five class room modules in the paddock to the east of St Mary's building at the Abbotsford Convent Foundation site which is part of the former Convent of the Good Shepherd registered place..

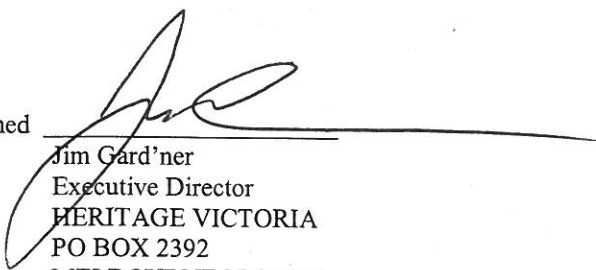
REASONS FOR REFUSAL:

1. That the application will detrimentally impact on the aesthetic significance of the former Convent of the Good Shepherd and in particular its rural setting on the Yarra River, which has been retained despite the development of surrounding areas.
2. The intrusion of new class rooms into the central paddocks results in the diminishment of significant views across to the St Mary's Building and the pastoral qualities of the heritage place.
3. A number of reasonable alternatives to the development appear to exist, which would result in a lesser impact on significance. There are other potential development sites within the heritage place that are identified in the Abbotsford Convent Master Plan (2005), and there are unused spaces within heritage (and other) buildings on the site that could provide accommodation for school use. The applicant has not demonstrated to my satisfaction that such alternatives are not feasible or reasonable.

4. The over 2,400 objections received opposing the application on heritage grounds, including those from the City of Yarra and the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) carries weight in this decision-making process and support the Executive Director's concerns about the adverse impact of the application on the cultural heritage significance of the place.

cc. Statutory Planner, City of Yarra

Signed



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Date 30 MAY 2011