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The Hon. Sonya Kilkenny MP
Minister for Planning, Victoria

Dear Minister

Application: PA 2604436
VJ1KR Pty Ltd c/o Tract Consultants
1 Kent Road and 24 Durham Road, Surrey Hills

The Surrey Hills and Mont Albert Progress Association makes the following submission to the above application.

The Association understands that the location, size and configuration of this site offers a great opportunity for higher density housing. This would add diversity and choice to existing housing stock in response to current housing needs and policy.

However, we also note the long-standing history and significance of this site to Surrey Hills and believe that its significant heritage buildings must be respected.

Having assessed the application, our specific concerns are summarised as follows:

1. The Association is concerned that the proposed new buildings will overwhelm and fail to carefully integrate with the original significant heritage buildings on the site; and
2. The Association has concerns about the negative impacts of alterations proposed to significantly graded heritage buildings on the site.

We therefore call for the design to be reviewed to avoid an unacceptable loss of heritage value at the site. In our view, with thoughtful consideration, it should be possible to achieve a design outcome that meets both housing and heritage protection objectives.

Yours Sincerely

Phillip Dews
Acting President
Surrey Hills and Mont Albert Progress Association

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