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Subject: Fw: Tourism and Heritage proposal - Cleaver Precinct

For Attention: Minister David Templeman, Minister for Heritage

I spoke with your office recently concerning a recommendation/suggestion that Cleaver Precinct, in the City of Vincent, be considered for tourism/heritage purposes.

Cleaver Precinct is a unique precinct in the City of Vincent. It is bounded by four major roads – Newcastle, Charles, Vincent and Loftus Streets, which separate it from the rest of the City of Vincent. Now that the Perth Bus Station is fully operational with established bus routes north of Perth and the first bus stop on routes 15, 402, 403 and 404 is FREE, one can alight right inside Cleaver Precinct. This is a five minute bus ride and will be perfect for both International, Interstate and local visitors to have the opportunity to see wonderful examples of historic heritage buildings and early character residential houses so close to Perth City. Every other State of Australia as well as the majority of overseas capital cities, has special historic areas where tourists are able to view early heritage and character streetscape residences, but sadly, to date, Perth has failed to provide international and interstate visitors with such venues. It is so important for visitors and future generations to be able to physically see the styles and types of houses earlier generations lived in.

This Precinct still has a great number of early 19th and 20th century heritage houses and character streetscapes, as well as several heritage buildings - the 1894 shops on the corner of Charles & Newcastle Streets, the 1890 and 1986 Methodist churches on Charles Street, the 1896 Newcastle Street Boys School on Newcastle Street as well as the 1896 Methodist Manse. There is the 1905 heritage home in Florence Street and the heritage Rosewood Cottage in Cleaver Street as well as the nearby home of famous early West Australian pianist Pauline O'Connor. Several streets within Cleaver Precinct are presently being considered for listing as heritage/character retention streetscapes since they contain many very early 19th century houses and semis with wonderful old Federation verandahs.

Some years ago, Vincent Council installed a number of heritage plaques in local footpaths, commemorating buildings which originally existed on the adjoining sites. The plaques provide a brief history of these places for visitors to enjoy. One special plaque in Ivy Park (on the corner of Carr & Charles Streets,) tells how early cart horses carrying bread, vegetable, ice, milk etc, used to stop at the then adjoining horse trough on the road, beside the park, for the horses to drink to refresh and renew their energy.

In 2009 and again in 2013 (with Vincent Council support) I led heritage walks around Cleaver Precinct which were very well attended and then I subsequently published a book titled "A Heritage Walk Cleaver Precinct West Perth." Further copies of this book were printed recently. Please let me know if you would like to view a copy of this book.

Once officially established as a Tourism/Heritage Precinct, heritage walks around Cleaver Precinct

could quickly be arranged for international and interstate visitors, not only creating an effective source of revenue for both the Government and the local Council but also filling in a large missing gap in the West Australian Tourist industry.

Prompt attention to consider this recommendation/suggestion and hopefully follow up with even faster action(before Cleaver Precinct is invaded by further layers of developers who fail to recognize the value of preserving what is now left in Cleaver Precinct) would really be appreciated.

I look forward to receiving a positive response to my request. I have cross-referenced this email to the Minister for Heritage.

Kind Regards

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