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Dear Sean

**Re: Application to remove part of a State Heritage Place known as Harlaxton House, located at 6 Monro Street, Harlaxton QLD 4350, properly described as Lots 8, 9 and 10 on RP118529, and Lot 3 on RP107947. Queensland Heritage Register 600839**

I refer to your letter received by Toowoomba Regional Council (Council) on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 advising that the Department of Environment & Science (Department) had received a valid application proposing removal of part of Harlaxton House from the Queensland heritage register (QHR). It is noted that the application relates to removal of the vacant Lot 3 on RP107947 (Lot 3), which is located to the south of the Harlaxton House structures.

Thank you for the invitation to make a written submission to the Department advising of Council's response to the proposed removal of Lot 3 from the QHR. Council is currently in the process of reviewing Local and State Heritage Citations across the Toowoomba Region, with the assistance of Consultants *Converge Heritage + Community*. This work will inform ongoing development of a new planning scheme.

A review of section 35 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992* reinforces retention of Harlaxton House in the QHR. In particular Lots 8, 9 and 10 on RP118529, which form the primary and consistently undeveloped portion of the original estate. A review of the evolution of development in the area, which saw the land transition from large estate and wooded surrounds (c.1870s) to 1960 suburban housing estate, shows a subdivision progression that brings Lot 3 into place as a product, sized consistently to neighbouring housing lots.

Lot 3 does not appear to have ever seen any significant structure erected. Council considers it likely that Lot 3 remains in the QHR boundary simply because it formed part of the Harlaxton House estate, was never sold post subdivision and so remained in single ownership with the original estate.

Council does not see the removal of Lot 3 as being detrimental to the heritage significance of Harlaxton House. However, consideration may need to be given to what is developed on Lot 3 to ensure a building

of similar scale to the neighbouring residential structures is provided. One sympathetic to neighbouring character and consistent, to ensure no detracting of the neighbouring Harlaxton House. Council may make use of its planning scheme to support this agenda.

Further to the above, a review of Council's document management system did not identify any active or undecided Development Applications.

I trust this submission satisfies the requirements of the Department. Please don't hesitate to contact [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Manager Place on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

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## **Written submission re Harlaxton House, 6 Munro Street – Lot 3 RP107947**

To whom it may concern,

I have no objection to the application to remove Lot 3 RP107947 from the Heritage list pursuant to the criteria as specified in the Queensland Heritage Act 1992 (**the Act**) – Sect 25.

The parcel of land, on its own, does not appear to satisfy the criteria as listed in the Act under Sect 25 1 (a – h) or 2 and therefore doesn't warrant inclusion on the register.

I would strongly suggest that the Queensland Heritage Council undertakes a thorough review of the upkeep of Harlaxton House (6 Munro Street – Lots 8, 9 and 10 RP118529). My reasons for this are as follows:

- So that the protection of the heritage of the building is maintained; and
- That a comprehensive plan is developed to maintain its upkeep.

I feel that the building isn't being optimally preserved appropriately and that the history and relevance to the region could be lost. As a former summer residence of Lord Lamington, the eighth governor of Queensland (1896 – 1901) and the place where lamingtons were invented Harlaxton House is steeped in grandeur and history and I look forward to receiving a response to this request and an action plan being initiated with all relevant levels of Government.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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Re: APPLICATION TO REMOVE PART OF A STATE HERITAGE PLACE KNOWN AS HARLAXTON HOUSE, LOCATED AT 6 MUNRO STREET, HARLAXTON QLD 4350, PROPERLY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 8, 9 AND 10 ON RP118529, AND LOT 3 ON RP107947 (HRN 600839)

The Heritage Committee of the local Queensland Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects understands an application has been received for the removal of part of a State Heritage Place from the Queensland Heritage Register, Harlaxton House, located on Munro Street, Toowoomba.

After inspecting the property earlier this week, we believe it's important to highlight that the current security measures are limited, and the house seems to have been unoccupied for an extended period. It would be wise to inform the property owner of the potential risk of vandalism, which could result in damage to the property if security is not improved or if it remains vacant.

Our committee see no reason to object to the reduction of the heritage boundary.

Regards,



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