

30 January 2018
Representation regarding Planning Application 17-822
83 Melville Street Hobart former Forestry Headquarters

The Tasmanian Chapter of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects now trading as the Australian Institute of Architects (herein referred to as 'the Institute'), provides the following representation with respect to the proposed development at 83 Melville Street, Hobart.

It is important to note that this Representation neither aims to support or oppose the proposed development. It simply intends to provide information to the Hobart City Council for the purposes of their consideration. The Institute has no intention of appealing whatever decision the relevant Planning Authority makes.

The Institute would like to ensure that the Hobart City Council is aware of the following;

The Forestry Headquarters Building received the RIAA Tasmania (Recycled Buildings Award) in 1998 and at National level was a finalist in the RIAA National Architectural Awards. The building was also awarded the Australasian Lightweight Structures Award also in 1998.

The building was designed by Robert Morris-Nunn and Associates who is a multi award winning architectural firm responsible for many of Hobart and Tasmania's important cultural buildings.

The building's structure was designed by engineer Jim Gandy who is a recipient of the AIA Tasmanian Chapter president's prize because of his contribution to significant Tasmanian architecture.

The building was highlighted in the publication on Tasmanian architecture, *Architecture from the Edge*, by Barry McNeill.

The building has also been featured in the architectural journals,

Architecture Australia
Architectural review Australia
Japan Wood

We trust that the significance of this important adaptive reuse building will be considered in the evaluation of the current application for alterations to this building.