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Dear Nisar

**PERTH GPO  
Modification to colonnade entries**

Thank you for your correspondence of 4 November 2016 regarding the proposed development at 3 Forrest Place, Perth.

We received the following:

Option A, H+M GPO Fitout Perth - Valmont, New details 50, 04.11.16, Rev. B,  
Option B, H+M GPO Fitout Perth - Valmont, New details 50, 04.11.16, Rev. C,  
H+M GPO Fitout, Gr display window, 04.11.16, Option A,  
H+M GPO Fitout, Gr display window, 04.11.16, Option B, and  
Proposed alterations to main entrance doors, Perth General Post Office, Heritage Impact Statement, TPG + Placematch, November 2016

The Development Committee resolves to advise the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority that the proposed development has been considered in the context of the identified cultural significance of the place and the following advice is given:

**Findings**

- *Perth General Post Office* is a fine example of monumental civic architecture in the Beaux-Art style, and a key element of the Forrest Place civic space. Changes in Australia Post operations have resulted in the ground floor being largely vacant and underutilised. The proposal is for modification to previously supported referrals for a new retail tenancy.
- Perth GPO is a seven storey, plus basement, brick and steel building. The building has been assessed as having moderate to high authenticity, with external visible fabric being largely authentic, apart from internal shopfront changes.
- The Development Committee has previously considered and conditionally supported proposals for base build works to facilitate a new retail tenancy, and a fitout for the retail tenancy.
- An element of the previously considered fitout proposal was to remove the colonnade windows and doors. This element was not supported.

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This referral presents two alternative proposals to alter four of the seven sets of timber-framed glazed doors.

- The proposal is to assist in the activation of the place as a retail tenancy by providing areas of unobstructed display at the entry.

### Comments

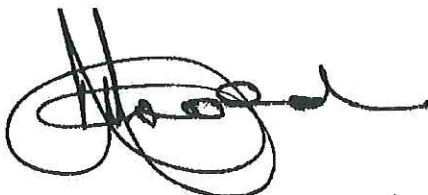
The proposed development shown in Option B, in accordance with the plans submitted, can be supported subject to the following conditions:

1. Any damage to framing and glazing, either existing or caused by removal of fabric or installation of glazing, to be repaired/replaced to match existing.
2. The following to be provided to the satisfaction of the Executive Director, State Heritage Office, prior to works commencing:
  - 2.1 Detail of proposed method of fixing relocated elements, noting that methods that do not involve direct fixing through timber will be preferred.
  - 2.2 Details of junction of display box ceiling and plinth with timber framing, noting that fixings to existing timber framing should be minimised, and ceiling and plinth should not be visible through glazing.
  - 2.3 Openings, framing and glazing to be documented photographically and in drawings, including method of reinstalling fabric.
3. The doors shall be reinstated upon vacation of the tenancy.

Please note that these comments are provided to assist the owner in its application to the decision-making authority and are not provided under the provisions of Section 11 of the *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990*. These comments do not replace the need for any required approvals from the decision-making authority.

Should you have any queries regarding this advice please contact Janine Symons at [janine.symons@stateheritage.wa.gov.au](mailto:janine.symons@stateheritage.wa.gov.au) or on 6552 4167.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Arnold', with a large, stylized circular flourish at the beginning.

Anne Arnold  
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cc: City of Perth, GPO Box C120, Perth WA 6839