

# CITY OF DONCASTER MUNICIPAL OFFICES

		Place No.	297								
ADDRESS	695 Doncaster Road Doncaster		Last Update								
DESCRIPTION	-										
	Condition	Excellent	Integrity Intact								
	Threats		Key elements								
	Designer	Gert & Renate Block - architect									
HISTORY	<p>A Miesian pavilion cantilevers suspended between two grey/green masonry, semi-cylindrical, stair blocks. A wing steps away at ground level, as the site slopes at left. It is clad with black finished steel plate clad, with exposed Universal Section mullions, with large panel dark glass windows.</p> <p>The left-hand wing is Municipal Chambers. They have a 45 degree clear glass entrance canopy. The level below this (in effect, the basement) using the sloping site, fronts a courtyard. The west elevations have elaborate metal sun louvres on a tubular steel frame. There is an Anthony Prior 1986 sculpture "I am a man like you".</p> <p>Designed by Gert &amp; Renate Block architects in c 1970. Gert Block was shortly after appointed Professor of Architectur at Christchurch University, New Zealand.</p> <p>This building can be compared to Crown Hall MIT &amp; National Gallery Berlin by Mies van der Rohe; South Yarra Public Library, Yuncken Freeman; Siemens, Church Street Richmond and Germany Embassy Canberra by Gert &amp; Renate Block.</p> <table><tr><td>Creation Date</td><td>c1970</td><td>Change Dates</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Associations</td><td></td><td>Local Themes</td><td></td></tr></table> <div>6.01 - Public buildings</div>			Creation Date	c1970	Change Dates		Associations		Local Themes	
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	Of State significance as the most complex and arguably the finest expression of a Miesian pavilion in the state.										
LEVEL											
RECOMMENDATIONS											
	Heritage Register Listings										
	Register	Reference	Zoning Status								
	None Specified										
	Extent										
	Heritage Schedule										
	External Paint Controls:	On VHR:	VHR Ref No:								
	Internal Alteration Controls:	Prohibited Uses:									
	Tree Controls:	Aboriginal Heritage Place:									
	Outbuildings or Fences:	Incorporated Plan:	Incorporated Plan Details								
	Description:										
	Conservation Management										
	Extra Research										

## BIBLIOGRAPHY