

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

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.

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".

Designed by Gert & Renate Block architects in c 1970. Gert Block was shortly after appointed Professor of Architectur at Christchurch University, New Zealand.

This building can be compared to Crown Hall MIT & National Gallery Berlin by Mies van der Rohe; South Yarra Public Library, Yuncken Freeman; Siemens, Church Street Richmond and Germany Embassy Canberra by Gert & Renate Block.

Creation Date c1970

Change Dates

Associations

Local Themes

6.01 - Public buildings

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