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# HISTORIC BUILDINGS ACT 1974 HISTORIC BUILDINGS PRESERVATION COUNCIL

Recommendation to the Minister for Planning
The Honourable G. P. HAYES M.P.

In accordance with Section 10(1) (a) (iii) of
The Historic Buildings Act 1974 for the alteration
of the designation of Historic Building No. 290

LONGERENONG HOMESTEAD

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(VIA DOOEN)

SHIRE OF DUNMUNKLE

On the Register of Historic Buildings

November 17, 1976

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In accordance with the provisions of Section 7 (1) of the Historic Buildings Act 1974, this recommendation to the Minister is made by the Classification Sub-Committee. The members of that Sub-Committee are:

Mr. Rodney Davidson, O.B.E. (Chairman)

Messrs. P. Brown

- D. Fulton
- P. Staughton and
- G. Tibbits
- 1.2 It is recommended to the Minister, by a unanimous yote of the Sub-Committee that the rear servants' wing be removed from the Register of Historic Buildings.

  The voting margin was 5 in favour, O against.

It was noted that the homestead dates from the 1860's, but that the servants' quarters which are the subject of an application to remove from the Register were built about 1900. The servants' quarters are in a ruinous condition and it was believed that the house as a whole would benefit from their removal.

#### 2. SUMMARY BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Mr. David Gregory, a representative of the owners of Longerenong, the Gregory family, met Mr. George Tibbits when he inspected the homestead in November, 1975.
- 2.2 Arising out of that meeting, Mr. Gregory wrote on February 16, 1976 requesting that ".... the detached servants' quarters adjacent to the back veranda on the west side be not included in the Register. These quarters are now in ruin, having been erected in the early 1900's of second-hand materials with poor foundations. The architectural style is not in keeping with the homestead...."
- 2.3 Mr. Allan Willingham, Architect, inspected the property at the owners request and on May 1, 1976, reported:
  - "In my opinion, the single storey brick building is completely dilapidated and totally beyond restoration and rehabilitation. The structure is completely ridden with termites and the timbers of the roof and floor have collapsed....."
  - "The brick walls are badly cracked and...eroded...."
  - "To reinstate the building would require complete demolition and re-erection..."
  - "The building is beyond salvation and I support the owners in their application to have the building demolished".
- 2.4 The views of the following bodies were sought on the application to remove the servant's quarters from the Register:
  - (a) Horsham District Historical Society
  - (b) National Trust of Australia (Victoria)
  - (c) Shire of Dunmunkle
- 2.5 The Horsham and District Historical Society supported the owner's application (July 15, 1976), the National Trust replied that it was satisfied that the servants'

quarters do not form part of their classification (July 27, 1976) and the Shire of Dunmunkle felt that the application was a matter for the owner. (July 5, 1976).

2.6 The Classifications Sub-Committee determined the matter at its meeting on August 27, 1976.

#### 3. RECOMMENDATION

Accordingly it is recommended that the designation of:

Historic Building No. 290, Longerenong Homestead, Longerenong.

be amended to:

Historic Building No. 290, Longerenong Homestead (excluding the rear brick servants' quarters)
Dooen, Via Horsham.

on behalf of the Classifications
Sub-Committee

RODNEY DAVIDSON CHAIRMAN

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APPROVED

BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

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#### VICTORIA

#### MINISTRY FOR PLANNING

## Amendment of Register of Historic Buildings

No. 290 Longerenong Homestead, Longerenong

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 3 of the Historic Buildings Act 1974 it is recommended that the Governor in Council make an Order in the form of the attached draft amending the Register of Historic Buildings.

G. P. HAYES

MINISTER FOR PLANNING

Ministry for Planning, MELBOURNE

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### HISTORIC BUILDINGS ACT 1974 (No. 8569)

At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne

the Eleventh day of January 197\$ 7.

#### PRESENT

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.

Mr. Rafferty

Mr. Scanlan

## AMENDMENTOF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 3 of the Historic Buildings Act 1974 that the Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister, may by notice published in the Government Gazette amend the Register of Historic Buildings established under the said Act -

- (a) by adding any specified building;
- (b) by removing any specified building; or
- (c) by altering any item.

AND WHEREAS the Minister has recommended that the Register be amended NOW THEREFORE His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, doth hereby amend the Register of Historic Buildings in the manner and to the extent shown as follows:

By amending item No. 290 to read "No 290 Longerenong Homestead (excluding the rear brick servants quarters,) Dooen via Horsham."

AND the Honorable Geoffrey Phillip Hayes, Her Majesty's Minister for Planning for the State of Victoria, shall give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

CLERK OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

