

SECTION 4.55(2) MODIFICATION FORT STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL (SSD 10340)

I formally object to the current design and construction process of the School.

I further object to the proposed changes to the design that would raise the height of the School and make changes to the School heritage factors.

The key points in my objections to the various current proposals are:

- 1.0 I strongly support the National Trust's objections to the proposal, which infringes on important heritage issues.
- 2.0 The methods of selecting a building contractor, including:
 - 2.1 Were proper tender documents prepared that included full detailed design by registered architects and engineers? Plus specifications and other contract documents.
 - 2.2 Who checked the documents for compliance?
 - 2.3 Were competitive tenders received from suitable contractors?
 - 2.4 Who analysed the tenders received and recommended the selection of a contractor?
 - 2.5 With the proposed changes, which are significant, do those responsible propose to go back to the tenderers and request they amend their original tendered submissions?
- 3.0 If the procedure in 2.5 is not followed to achieve a fixed-price contract, the final outcome will involve construction delays, low standards of work plus significant increases in administration and construction costs.

The writer of this objection has had significant involvement in projects that included the Australian Defence Force and the Federal Law Courts building in Melbourne for the Attorney General's Department.

Even projects of the size of this School, which involves the education of young children and the clear possibility of preserving a heritage facility, must be undertaken in a clearly proper professional manner that complies with all relevant design and construction standards in a clearly open manner that can stand public scrutiny, which has not been the case to date.

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