



**Hon David Templeman MLA**  
**Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture & the Arts**

Your Ref: Petition No 163 (A850876)  
Our Ref: 66-14105

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
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Dear Mr Swinbourn

Thank you for your letter of 22 October 2020 seeking comment on Petition No 163 and the heritage issues raised.

The Midland Railway Workshops (Workshops) were closed in 1994. Between 1997 and 2000, the City of Swan and various State agencies worked on a number of revitalisation concepts. Responsibility for the site then transferred to the Midland Redevelopment Authority, which was formed in 2000, to undertake and manage the redevelopment of the Workshops.

The land comprising the Workshops site was permanently heritage registered in June 2008. The Workshops site is also protected in the heritage inventory under the *Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Act 2011*. The Workshops are subject to the control of DevelopmentWA (formerly the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority), which falls within the responsibility of the Minister for Lands.

DevelopmentWA has worked closely with the Heritage Council throughout the initial planning phase and subsequent development of the Workshops to ensure the cultural heritage values are recognised and celebrated. As the Workshops are listed in the State Register of Heritage Places, the Heritage Council will continue to fulfill its statutory role to provide advice on development proposals and ensure the heritage values onsite are protected for generations to come.

Yours sincerely

**HON DAVID TEMPLEMAN MLA**  
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