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**Re: Beaumaris Art Group Studios**

Dear Mr Paterson,

On behalf of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) I write in strong support of Beaumaris Modern's request that Bayside Council consider the Beaumaris Art Group Studios at 84-98 Reserve Road, Beaumaris, for inclusion in the Heritage Overlay as part of the voluntary heritage protection process currently underway in the municipality.

We have reviewed the citation prepared by Built Heritage Pty Ltd, and agree that the place clearly reaches the threshold for local heritage significance, and has clear links to the artistic life and architectural development of the area during the post-war period. The citation provides a robust assessment to inform any future planning scheme amendment.

We understand that there is currently a proposal to redevelop the site. It is therefore vital that Council considers the heritage values of the place as a matter of priority, to inform future plans.

We further understand that Beaumaris Modern has made a separate nomination to Heritage Victoria for consideration under the *Heritage Act 2017*. This should not preclude Council from proceeding with an assessment of significance at the local level. Indeed, it is common practice for places to be considered at both local and state level concurrently. Under the *Heritage Act 2017*, places nominated to the Register are assessed against the state threshold only, and no assessment of local significance is undertaken as part of this process. It is therefore appropriate and necessary for this to be conducted separately by Council at the local level.

A recent example of this is the former ABC Studios in Glen Eira, another example of post-war architecture, which has been nominated by the City of Glen Eira to the Victorian Heritage Register, and is also subject to a planning scheme amendment which is currently underway.

Please don't hesitate to contact the National Trust if we can be of further assistance.

Yours faithfully,

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