**FAQs – Preston Market - Heritage Victoria Recommendation and Report**

**Q. Has a recommendation been made by Heritage Victoria about including Preston Market on the Victorian Heritage Register?**

**A.** Yes. Darebin Council received the notification on 26 November from Heritage Victoria that the Executive Director has not recommended that Preston Market should be included on the Victorian Heritage Register.

**Q. Who made this recommendation?**

A. The Executive Director of Heritage Victoria made the recommendation to the Heritage Council on 26 November. The recommendation report can be found on the Heritage Council of Victoria website: <http://heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/registrations-reviews/executive-director-recommendations>

**Q. What was Heritage Victoria assessing?**

A. Heritage Victoria assessed two nominations for Preston Market to be added to the Victorian Heritage Register, considering the area formerly occupied by Broadhurst Tannery, and the Market’s social and cultural significance.

**Q. Which organisation is responsible for adding buildings to the Heritage Register of Victoria?**

The [Heritage Council of Victoria](https://heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/) is an independent statutory body that decides which places and objects are added to the Victorian Heritage Register. All enquiries about the register should be directed to them.

**Q. I have a question about this recommendation regarding Preston Market. Who do I contact?**

You can contact the Heritage Council of Victoria. Darebin Council is not able to answer questions on the recommendation or report, as the report was written by the Heritage Council of Victoria.

**Q. What happens now? Is it still possible for Preston Market to be included in the Victorian Heritage Register?**

A. The next steps depend on whether or not there are submissions to Heritage Victoria’s recommendations.

Anyone can submit their views about the recommendation to the Heritage Council of Victoria within 60 days of the publication of the decision on 26 November 2018.

After the 60-day submission period, the Heritage Council of Victoria will decide whether or not it will conduct a hearing.

If no hearing is held, the Heritage Council of Victoria has 40 days to make a determination whether or not to include Preston Market in the Victorian Heritage Register.

If the Heritage Council does conduct a hearing, it must make a determination whether or not to include Preston Market in the Victorian Heritage Register within 90 days of the last day of the hearing.

**Q. Considering the recommendation by Heritage Victoria, will Darebin Council be making a submission?**

A. Darebin Council will consider making a submission to the [Heritage Council of Victoria](http://www.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/).

The Heritage Council of Victoria is an independent statutory authority responsible for reviewing recommendations made by the Executive Director and for adding places and objects to, and removing them from, the Heritage Register.

**Q. What is the Victorian Heritage Register?**

A. The Victorian Heritage Register lists places deemed to be of cultural heritage significance to the state of Victoria. It has statutory weight under the *Heritage Act 2007* which established Heritage Victoria as the State Government listing and permit authority.

**Q. How will this recommendation from Heritage Victoria affect planning for Preston Market?**

A.The VPA and City of Darebin will consider the contents of the Executive Director’s recommendation as planning continues for the 4.6-hectare site bound by Murray Road to the north, Mary Street to the east, Cramer Street to the south, and rail land to the west. Any decision by the Heritage Council will be incorporated into the current development of planning controls and future opportunities for the precinct.

**Q. What kind of places and objects are included in the Victorian Heritage Register?**

A. There are approximately 2,400 places and objects currently in the Victorian Heritage Register. They are listed on the publicly accessible online Victorian Heritage Database and include:

* Any heritage place of state level significance including buildings, gardens, structures, trees, archaeological sites and historic landscapes.
* Any heritage object of state level significance.

**Q. Who nominates places and objects for the Victorian Heritage Register?**

A. Any person or organisation can nominate.

**Q. How does the Victorian Heritage Register differ from National Trust classification?**

A. The Register provides statutory (legal) protection for VHR places and objects under the *Heritage Act 2007*. There are penalties for damaging VHR places and objects. The National Trust’s classification system identifies places of significance but offers no legal protection.