

RAFFLES HOTEL REDEVELOPMENT, IMPACT ON SOCIAL VALUE

1207. Mr Edwards to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- (1) In assessing the development application for the heritage listed Raffles Hotel, how was the impact on the social value considered and measured?
- (2) Given that social value is a criteria used in assessing heritage significance and the impact of development on heritage listed places, what recommendations did the Heritage Council's Development Committee make to the Board of the Heritage Council in relation to the development application for the Raffles Hotel site?

Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:

- (1) The Heritage Council has undertaken the assessment of the development application having regard to the cultural heritage significance of the place as outlined in the Heritage Council's assessment documentation. The assessment documentation identifies the social significance of the Raffles Hotel as a place for recreation and entertainment, valued by various groups within the community. The prominence of the hotel on the site and its use by generations of Western Australians also contributes to the community's sense of place. It is the proponent's intention to create a family oriented activity node focussing on the river foreshore and redeveloped Raffles Hotel forecourt. The relationship between the Applecross District Hall (Tivoli Theatre), Canning Bridge and Raffles Hotel will be strengthened in the landscaped design of the forecourt. Whilst it is not intended to retain the traditional hotel use, the social value of the place will continue through the adaptive re-use of much of the existing hotel as a licensed café-restaurant.
- (2) Not applicable. The development application was considered by the Heritage Council's Development Committee which has full delegation from the Heritage Council.