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**Re: C365melb 'Chart House', 372-378 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne**

Dear Ms Wolkenberg,

The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) (National Trust) is the state's largest community-based heritage advocacy organisation actively working towards conserving and protecting our heritage for future generations to enjoy, representing 26,000 members across Victoria. As Victoria's premier heritage and conservation organisation, the National Trust has an interest in ensuring that a wide range of natural, cultural, social and Indigenous heritage values of the municipality are protected and respected.

The National Trust strongly supports Amendment C365 prepared by the City of Melbourne which proposes to provide permanent heritage protection to the building at 372-378 Little Bourke Street, to recognise the entirety of the property as contributory to the Guildford and Hardware Laneways Precinct, as identified in the amended *Guildford and Hardware Laneways Heritage Study May 2017 (updated September 2019)*.

The National Trust supports the assessment undertaken by City of Melbourne that Chart House is contributory to the Guildford and Hardware Laneways Precinct as an example of the Precinct's valued historical patterns and land use which falls within the valued date range of buildings in the Precinct.

We further support evidence provided by Melbourne Heritage Action, which was independently reviewed by heritage experts as part of a due diligence process, which found that Chart House is contributory to the Guildford and Hardware Lane Precinct on the basis that it shares key characteristics of the precinct and is an intact and representative example of an interwar office building. As a low scale interwar office/warehouse building, Chart House complements the heritage precinct, and as such, should be identified for its contributory significance.

The National Trust acknowledges that Amendment C305 is consistent with the following objectives under Section 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*:

- 4(1)(d) – to conserve and enhance those buildings, areas or other places which are of scientific, aesthetic, architectural or historical interest, or otherwise of special cultural value.

- 4(1)(g) – to balance the present and future interests of all Victorians.

We also recognise that the Amendment supports the National Trust’s vision that ‘our diverse heritage is protected and respected, contributing to strong, vibrant and prosperous communities.’

In conclusion, the National Trust strongly supports the adoption of Amendment C365, and congratulates the City of Melbourne for ensuring the protection of this locally significant place. For any enquiries regarding this submission, please get in touch with this office on 9656 9837 or with me directly at [caitlin.mitropoulos@nattrust.com.au](mailto:caitlin.mitropoulos@nattrust.com.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C Mitropoulos', is positioned above the typed name.

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