

DATE OF ADVICE	10 October 2023
PANEL MEMBERS	Jacqueline Townsend (Chair), James Harrison, Stephen Kerr and Linda Tully
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

Closed meeting held at Willoughby City Council on 10 October 2023.

PLANNING PROPOSAL

The proposal **PP-2023/3** seeks to amend the *Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 2012 (WLEP 2012)* by expansion of the existing local heritage item No. 160, presently described in Schedule 5 of the *Willoughby LEP* as 'St Leonard's Catholic Church (including original interiors)' at 43 Donnelly Road, Naremburn (Existing Item). The expansion would extend the heritage listing of the Existing Item to the property boundaries and encompass the entire lot, including all presently unlisted portions of the land, such as an extant presbytery, as well as grounds and buildings formerly associated with a Catholic primary school.




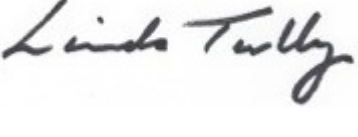
PANEL DISCUSSION

The Panel considered a number of issues including:

- compliance with the strategic framework,
- heritage significance: evaluating the significance of the proposed expansion of the existing heritage item, particularly in terms of its historical and cultural importance,
- potential social and economic impacts: assessing the potential effects of the proposal on the surrounding community and the broader economic context,
- the ability for adaptive reuse of the proposed heritage items.

PANEL ADVICE

The Panel advises it supports the planning proposal being forwarded to the DP&E for a Gateway consideration having considered the findings of the heritage expert Vanessa Holtham that the presbytery and school buildings have local historical significance as a complex and meets the threshold for listing as a local heritage item in the *Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 2012 (WLEP 2012)*.

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