

Hello Jazz

Thank you for your email concerning the matter of the **Toomath Building**

The recent fire at the Toomath building is troubling enough, but the apparent desire to rush toward extinguishing the building's heritage listing adds to my concern that there might have been a motivating factor for the fire.

If the rapid 'regulatory' response is to accelerate the removal of heritage status, could this encourage arson, or other -ve behaviours to attempt to erode, or destroy, the heritage and character of other listed sites within our city?

My understanding is that the building has not been '*totalled*' (total loss). I think that as many elements as possible should be respectfully salvaged, and consistent with its location/neighbours, and of course its earned heritage status.

As a minimum, even if the fire damage was ranked 'high', I would hope that retention of at least elements such as the facade of this building could remain on the heritage schedule so that it still continues to contribute to the heritage values of its precinct.

Yours sincerely

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