

05-362 Seniors Living Development (serviced self-care housing) Lot 7 DP829150 Duke Street, Morpeth (Cont)

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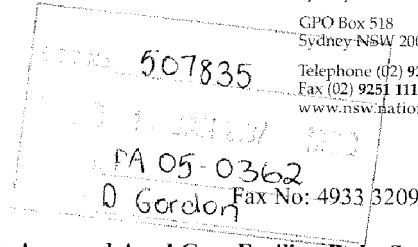
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5<sup>th</sup> January, 2006

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Dear Mr Evans,

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**Morpeth Heritage Conservation Area and Aged Care Facility, Duke Street,  
Morpeth (DA 05-362)**

I wrote to Council on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2005 in regard to this development proposal expressing particular concern at the location of the proposed development, at the southern edge of the existing boundary.

The National Trust Classified the Morpeth Urban Conservation Area in 1976 in recognition of its special historic features. In its earlier submission the Trust noted that Morpeth has to date escaped the 'scars that insensitive modern intrusions have left on so many other places.'

The proposed location and scale of the development will have a major detrimental effect on Morpeth's special qualities.

This development will also place strains on the existing infrastructure of the town and is likely to require major upgrading which will, in turn, promote additional development.

While the Trust believes that Maitland City does require aged care facilities, this is an inappropriate location, tight against the boundary of one of the State of NSW's most historic and scenic towns, the rural setting of which is vital to its character and attraction.

The Trust urges that Council reject this Development Application.

Yours sincerely,

Jacqui Goddard  
Conservation Director

*Noted 24/1/07*

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