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Section 7 - Heritage Victoria Application for a Permit Exemption Alfred Health – The Stables

Reason & Purpose for which the proposed works are required

The Stables (as named by Alfred Health) has for the last 15 – 20 years been used as the facilities maintenance accommodation for Alfred Health. Trade Groups including painting, carpentry, plumbing, electrical and mechanical services have used the ground and first floor as workshops and staff amenity. The size of the ‘trade pool’ has progressively decreased (contracted) and become specialised, resulting in a need for less space and a more distributed approach to facilities maintenance.

The proposed reuse of The Stables is to convert it into Office Accommodation for Alfred Health, Management, Finance and Human Resources.

The need to repurpose The Stables comes about as a result of two key drivers: -

1. A continuing need for additional inpatient bed capacity
2. The need to bring the 1970’s wards up to a safe and compliant standard

To achieve the above The Alfred has raised \$13 million to convert an existing area into a new Trauma Ward of 40 beds, and received a State Government allocation of \$69.5 million to upgrade five (5) other wards including: -

- The installation of fire safety systems (including sprinklers)
- The removal of hazardous materials
- The upgrade of electrical, mechanical and hydraulic infrastructure to compliant standards
- The upgrade of general amenity (painting, flooring, fit out) to meet community expectations

To achieve the above The Alfred needs to vacate existing areas of ‘non-clinical’ activity, including office type accommodation and outpatient clinic accommodation to enable the consolidation of spaces for conversion into New Ward and Decanting Wards.

The enabling works associated with the above are well progressed with The Stables being a critical part of the decanting plan, as they provide accommodation for Offices and the vacated Offices provide accommodation for Clinics. All programs being heavily integrated and dependent on each other.

Alfred Health is committed to The Stables and its decision to make a substantial investment in the asset for long term accommodation, is supportive of its recognition that the asset is an important piece of The Alfred and The State. For further information, please contact the undersigned at j.breguet@alfred.org.au, m 0407 500 978 or 03 9076 3620.

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