

**Text of RHSV Submission to Heritage Council of Victoria
Regarding Proposal to Amend the Extent of Registration
Of the Queen Victoria Market**

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria strongly supports the Executive Director's recommendation to amend the extent of registration to include Queen Street. The RHSV further submits a minor revision of the Statement of Significance.

In regard to the extent of registration, the RHSV submits that the omission of Queen Street from the original registration was and remains anomalous. In operational and aesthetic terms, Queen Street is the heart of the market. It is the articulation of two different parts of the market, the historic sheds for fruit and vegetable trade and the more recent but still historic buildings housing the deli, fish and meat trade. Market visitors experience the two halves as part of a whole, both as shoppers and also as viewers. This makes it imperative to consider Queen Street in assessing any proposed works on the market.

Commercially, much of the QVM's wholesale trade depends on access via Queen Street. Visually, access to either half of the market is more often than not from the other half. Thus the view of one half from the other is important in the experience of the heritage fabric. For both reasons, registration of the whole market is essential to preserve the unity and integrity of the market's heritage fabric and experience as a whole.

As the Executive Director notes, moreover, the Queen Victoria Market is included in the National Heritage List (2018) (ID 106277), and this listing includes the northern part of Queen Street, as the ED recommends for the VHR. It is obvious that alignment of the two registrations is highly desirable.

We therefore give strong and unqualified support to the ED's recommendation to amend the extent of registration to include Queen Street.

We further suggest minor revisions to the statement of significance, Criterion G. The first sentence currently reads as follows:

The Queen Victoria Market is of social significance for its ongoing role and continued popularity as a fresh meat and vegetable market, shopping and meeting place for Victorians and visitors alike.

We suggest inserting the phrase, 'maintaining a traditional mode of operation, making it a cherished', between 'market' and 'shopping'. The statement would then read as follows:

The Queen Victoria Market is of social significance for its ongoing role and continued popularity as a fresh meat and vegetable market maintaining a traditional mode of operation, making it a cherished shopping and meeting place for the Victorian community and for visitors.

Our reasons for suggesting this amendment are

- to emphasise the enormous social value attached to the Queen Victoria Market by the community, as witnessed by the massive popular support for its maintenance recently and indeed every time that the market's continued operation

- this wording would make explicit an inference raised in the ED's recommendation (p. 11):

All areas outside the Old Melbourne Cemetery site

The ongoing operation of the Queen Victoria Market within its purpose-built buildings and structures is strongly encouraged.