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Dear Patrick

### **The Esplanade Hotel, Port Hedland**

Please find enclosed a completed Improvement Scheme Application for Development Approval form.

As you are aware, the Esplanade Hotel was clad in stone in 2007, however, sections of the stone are now failing, delaminating and therefore present a safety risk. After extensive investigations, BHP now seeks approval to remove the existing stone cladding and replace the stone with new acrylic rendered cladding.

The proposed solution has been determined following community consultation with among others, the Port Hedland Heritage Society. It was the view of the Heritage Society that the original sections of the building should remain a consistent colour and have stone architraves.

The recladding project will comprise the following:

- Remove all existing stone and backing board;
- Replace existing furring channels. Install new construction / movement joints. Install new backing boards;
- Install missing thermal insulation and vapour barriers;
- Apply 3 coat rendering system by qualified applicator; and
- Stone details to window and door reveals to all sections of the building that predate the 2007 extension.

The recladding will ensure the Esplanade Hotel remains a landmark building in Port Hedland, maintaining its significant contribution towards the streetscape, heritage value and extending its lifespan by ensuring the Hotel's building envelope is structurally sound.

Please refer to the attached Façade Cladding Remediation Report for a detailed explanation of the proposed solution.

Should you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

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