



**Grade as ensemble for Government Hill**

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Dear AAB members,

I think that the complex of Government Hill --Main Wing, East Wing and West Wing--should be graded together and not separate gradings for each of the wings. A Grade I or monument status would be appropriate.

I also disapprove of the Development Bureau making authoritative decisions before the AAB met to recommend the grading. Due respect should be given to AAB members to study the recommendations made by the expert panel with supporting documentation provided to members.

Since DevB has cited the recommendations made by Purcell Miller Triton, AAB members should also be aware that the same consultation report states that a Special Protective Area should be created to protect this special cluster on Government Hill. Indeed, it should be the entire environment encompassing the Main, East and West Wings that should be taken into consideration.

I would like to cite Dragon Garden (grade 2) as a fine example of a site that has one uniform grading and not separate gradings for separate buildings, although the buildings on the site were built over the course of 25 years.

Let us not repeat the mistake of demolishing Queen's Pier, when it belonged to the complex of City Hall, Edinburgh Place, and Queen's Pier, along a central axis. Similarly to Queen's Pier, the West Wing was the interface with the public and should retain this relationship in its adaptive reuse. It would be quite meaningless to give a grading to West Wing separately, and then to demolish it. There is no "over-riding need" to demolish the West Wing.

Respectfully Yours,

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