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31st July, 1981.

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Mr. S. F. Morton,
Assistant Director General,
Buildings,
Education Department,
2 Treasury Place,
MELBOURNE. VIC. 3002

Dear Mr. Morton,

Re: Former Primitive Methodist Church, Eaglehawk

I understand the Education Department is negotiating over the purchase of this building and its adjacent Sunday School. I also understand that it is proposed to demolish the Sunday School to make room for an extended exterior play area, but that there is a possibility of the former Church being used as an activities room for the School.

The Former Church was Recorded by the National Trust in 1978, the citation describing it as "Erected in 1856, during the gold period, as a Primitive Methodist Church, with a classic style of facade."

I would be most grateful if you could let me know the Department's plans for the building. The alternative use by the School seems an excellent one to ensure the preservation of this historic building.

Yours sincerely,

WARWICK FORGE
Acting Administrator,
National Trust of Australia
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c.c. Mrs. Sandra Bunn



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Mr. S. F. Morton,
Assistant Director-General (Building)
Office of the Director-General,
Education Department,
2 Treasury Place,
MELBOURNE. 3002.

Dear Mr. Morton,

re: Eaglehawk East Methodist
Church, High Street, Eaglehawk.

I write reference to the above building and
thank you for your letter of 25th August, 1981.

I appreciate your undertaking to have regard
to the significance of the church and would be
grateful if you could keep us informed of developments.

Yours sincerely,

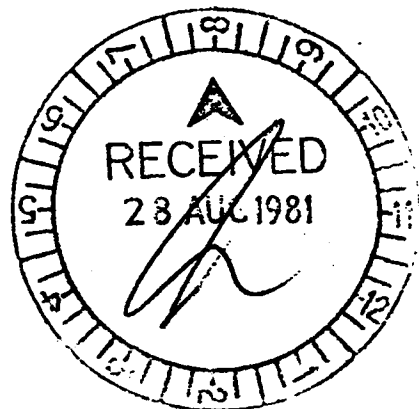
WARWICK FORGE
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25th August, 1981

Mr. W. Forge,
Acting Administrator,
National Trust of Australia
(Victoria),
Tasma Terrace,
Parliament Place,
MELBOURNE VIC. 3002



Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of 31st July 1981, in which you request advice as to the Education Department's plans for use of the former "Primitive Methodist Church, Eaglehawk", should the Department purchase the site of the church and the adjacent Sunday School; which would be demolished, as an extension to the Eaglehawk Primary School playground area.

At present no firm decision has been taken in regard to future use of the church.

Should the site be purchased, the Bendigo Regional Director of Education will enter into discussion with the School Council and Principal in order to establish the most useful purpose to which the church might be put. Possible uses might be: multi-purpose (eg. Physical Education, drama, etc.), library or shared school/community resource space.

I note the historical significance of the church and appreciate the desirability of careful preservation of the building.

Yours sincerely,

S. F. MORTON
Assistant Director-General (Building)

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