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The National Trust of Australia's (Vic) media response, to the leaked document revealing a plan by Minister Madden's office to run a sham public consultation looking at the future of the Windsor Hotel development, is as follows:

The Trust has not seen a copy of the leaked report and can only respond on the basis of the reporting of its contents by media outlets.

The National Trust of Australia (Vic) is aware that Minister Madden has already received many hundreds of objections to the Hotel Windsor proposal, and that the Trust's and the community's opinion about the scheme has been made very clear.

CEO for the Trust Martin Purslow said: "We would be dismayed if the Advisory Committee report recommended the scheme in its current form. The Advisory Committee met in December with limited terms of reference requiring that only the developer and the City of Melbourne be heard. The Trust had to argue its way on to the table so that the community's voice could be heard too."

He added "We deplore any notion that community consultation may be manipulated to achieve certain outcomes and therefore we welcome the Minister's commitment that full probity will indeed be applied to the process.

"We also keenly await the outcome of Heritage Victoria's independent assessment of the same proposal," said Mr Purslow.

Please visit www.savethewindsor.com and www.natrust.com.au/campaigns/save_our_city for more information.

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