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MEDIA ALERT

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SAVE OUR CITY - SAVE THE WINDSOR

The National Trust of Australia (Vic) has characterised the fiasco surrounding the Windsor Hotel Precinct as a veritable 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party', and will be staging this party as a re-enactment of Alice in Wonderland on the steps of State Government at 1pm today.

The costumed performance has cast Heritage Victoria as the sleeping dormouse and Minister Madden, as you guessed it, the Mad Hatter in the Windsor's famous tea party.

Trust CEO Martin Purslow says of today's rally: "Alice of course, curiouser and curiouser, will represent the public on their journey through the Wonderland, that even Tim Burton would have difficulty conjuring up for Johnny Depp."

"The Minister's decision, in this case, and Heritage Victoria as the sleeping dormouse, like acquiescence will be toasted by the owners of the Windsor, the Hallim Group, in a decision right out of Wonderland," he says.

"This historic decision will affect the Parliamentary Precinct preserved by previous generations for years to come. And out of respect for our city and its founding fathers this rally will be all the more poignant in the 175th anniversary year of one of the world's most liveable cities and indeed Australia's rich cultural capital," he said.

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