Statement of Significance: ‘Kororoit’ (Concrete House) 70 Heller Street, Brunswick West

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What is significant?

The concrete house, constructed by 1913, at 70 Heller Street, Brunswick West is significant.

Non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

The concrete house at 70 Heller Street, Brunswick West is of local historical, representative and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

It is significant as an intact representative example of an early concrete house dating from prior to World War I. Many early concrete houses were in reasonably conservation or old-fashioned styles and this example is notable for its relatively progressive transitional bungalow form and detailing and high degree of intactness and integrity. Notable features include the simplified detailing, low-pitched gabled roof, whilst details such as the distinctive chimney apertures and the timber screen to the gable end show an Arts & Crafts influence. (Criterion A, D & E)

The significance of the house is enhanced by its rarity values as many of the other earlier examples of concrete houses have been demolished. Consequently, it has potential to provide further information about early concrete construction techniques. (Criteria B & C)

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