

28 October, 2017

Dear Mayor Goff and Councillors,

Corban Estate

At the Heritage Advisory Panel meeting of the 26th September, the Panel received a deputation led by Assid Corban regarding the difficulties he has encountered regarding his ideas for the development of the Corban Winery Estate at 314 Great North Road, Henderson.

The Panel resolved as follows:

That the Heritage Advisory Panel:

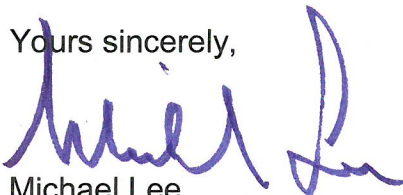
- a) receive and thank Assid Corban and John Newick for their presentation on the Corban Estate Property and acknowledge Mr Corban's long standing aspirations for a History of Wine Making Museum on the land
- b) note the heritage of wine making in the history of New Zealand and Auckland
- c) ask the chair to make representations to the Mayor and Councillors on behalf of Mr Corban.

As you will be aware Assid Corban has given long and meritorious service to local and regional government in Auckland. He has a strong family connection to the Estate and would like to see greater emphasis on the heritage aspects of the Estate and its important role in the history of wine making in New Zealand.

I understand that Assid has made representations on this matter both at a political level and via Panuku - Development Auckland, evidently without a great deal of success. The stumbling block appears to be that Council has entered into a long term lease arrangement with the Waitakere Arts and Cultural Development Trust (WACDT) which appears to be not necessarily sympathetic with Assid's ideas.

Without taking sides, I think it would be helpful for Council to become engaged in this matter with a view to brokering a resolution. Members of the Heritage Advisory Panel consider that the arts and heritage are ideally quite compatible, indeed mutually enhancing, and are saddened that things have come to an impasse. It need not be so. The Estate is a valuable community asset and we hope its use could be suitably maximised to include Assid Corban's ideas.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Lee

**Chair,
Heritage Advisory Panel**