

## AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned

Louise Metcalfe  
Identity Number: 7010010225086

do hereby make oath and say:

1. Prior to COVID we closed in an existing open verandah by adding some stacking doors. We built a Koi Pond and some entrance steps. I honestly did not know that this needed to be submitted to council as this was an existing roof structure and the koi pond and step had no roof cover - I thought this was just hard landscaping. It is ignorance on my part. I was under the impression that only roofed areas needed to be submitted. I am so sorry.
2. We have always taken pride in our house and in our community. The alterations that we have done enhance the original architecture of the house. So many houses in our area have been demolished and replaced with modern houses and steel balustrading. We contribute to maintaining our verges and even the Bridgevale valley below us, engaging in gardening and arbour days. We are really one of the good families in the area having lived here for the past 25 years.
3. During COVID period, due to financial reasons, we had to take over the care of my father-in-law (who is now 95). We had to very quickly add on a bathroom to make a dwelling for him. The pergola was existing, but rotten, so we replaced the beams and put a covering over it. Everything at that time, including municipal offices were closed. Covid hit us hard financially as my husband and I are self-employed. Our businesses came to a grinding halt, and we had to help take care of various family members. To this day we have not recovered financially, and it has taken some time for us to save to do the plan submissions.

We are still looking after elderly relatives which has placed us under huge strain, financially and emotionally. We appeal to you PLEASE for leniency in this situation.



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Louise Metcalfe

I certify that:

1. The Deponent acknowledged to me that:
  - a) He knows and understands the contents of this Declaration.
  - b) He has no objection to taking the prescribed oath;
  - c) He considers the prescribed oath to be binding on her/his conscience.
2. The Deponent thereafter uttered the words:  
*"I swear that the contents of this Declaration are true, so help me God".*
3. The Deponent signed this Declaration in my presence at the address set out hereunder on this 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023.



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