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Mr Peter Cumming  
Councillor for Wynnum-Manly  
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Dear Peter

I refer to your letter of 5 July concerning the donation of the remains of the statue formerly at the Many War Memorial.

The Social History curatorial team has considered the statue and unfortunately we must decline your offer due to the object's condition. When we accept a donation we are required to consider the associated costs for storage and any work needed to prepare the object for display. We considered the statue's potential to be displayed in pieces as the vandalism of such an Australian icon is a story in itself, but the benefits of this are sadly outweighed by our lack of resources to store the statue in pieces, or to restore it, when it is no longer on display.

I hope you can find a suitable home for the statue, and I am sorry the Qld Museum is not in a position to help at this stage.

Yours sincerely

**Dr Geraldine Mate**  
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