

THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL OF SOUTH AFRICA

MEDIA SUMMARY

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Neutral citation: Gees v The Provincial Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport (974/2015) [2015] ZASCA 136 (29 September 2016)

The SCA has today dismissed the appeal of the appellant against a judgment of the Western Cape High Court. In so doing the SCA held that the large concentration of art deco buildings spanning Davenport Road, Vredehoek, Cape Town, forms part of the national estate and is worthy of protection as a heritage resource. Therefore, the SCA held, that Heritage Western Cape, in granting a permit for the demolition of the appellant's 60 year old block of flats, was justified in imposing conditions controlling future development on the property.

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