

Australian Capital Territory

Heritage (Decision about Provisional Registration of Kingston Railway Station Terminal, Kingston) Notice 2008 (No 1)*

Notifiable Instrument NI2008—268

made under the

Heritage Act 2004 s34 Notice of decision about Provisional Registration

1. Name of instrument

This instrument is the Heritage (Decision about Provisional Registration of Kingston Railway Station Terminal, Kingston) Notice 2008 (No 1).

2. Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after notification.

3. Notice of Decision

Pursuant to Section 34 of the *Heritage Act 2004* the ACT Heritage Council has decided not to provisionally register Kingston Railway Station Terminal, Kingston.

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30 June 2008

*Name amended under Legislation Act, s 60

STATEMENT OF REASONS

DECISION REGARDING THE INCLUSION OF KINGSTON RAILWAY STATION TERMINAL (BLOCK 7, SECTION 1, KINGSTON) IN THE ACT HERITAGE REGISTER

Background

The Kingston Railway Station Terminal (Block 7 Section 11, Kingston) was nominated to the ACT Heritage Places Register. The nominee and date of nomination have not been established. There does not appear to be any supporting material with the nomination and the nomination has not been previously assessed by the ACT Heritage Council. This statement of reasons focuses on the primary building on the site, namely the arrival / departure building.

Council did not accord a priority to the assessment, and it remained in the backlog of nominated places until it was assessed as part of the Nominated Interim Heritage Place Register (IHPR) Project in 2004-05. The nomination has now been considered and at Meeting 19 on 1 May 2008, the ACT Heritage Council endorsed a Statement of Reasons which does not find the Kingston Railway Station, Kingston eligible for provisional listing (heritage listing) as it does not meet the significance threshold against any of the heritage criteria.

Reasons for Rejection

Detailed reasoning of why the Kingston Railway Station Terminal, Kingston, does not meet the threshold for listing under the heritage criteria at Section 10 of the *Heritage Act 2004* is included under Assessment.

In assessing the nomination for the Kingston Railway Station Terminal, Kingston, the Council considered:

- Materials held on file by Council on the Assessment File 91/04857, on the various Canberra Railways, related to the construction of Canberra, and including documents relating to the development, history and function of the Kingston Railway Station
- Materials held on Australian Archives files
- Plans held at the National Library of Australia (MS 5789 Tubes 81, 82, 83 and 113 Moir Collection, NLA)
- The physical evidence and surrounding context as ascertained from an onsite assessment on 5 May 2005
- 2004-05 Nominated IHPR Project Assessment
- Materials held on file by Council on the Assessment File: 04/15062
- The following references:

Apperly R, R Irving R and P Reynolds 1989 *Identifying Australian Architecture*, Angus & Robertson Publishers.

Freeman, P, *Malcolm Moir: His life and Work*

Institution of Engineers, *Engineering Heritage of the ACT, Chapter 2, The Canberra Branch*

McDonald, B T 1967 The Australian Historical Railway Society, Vol. XVIII Bulletin No 355 May 1967, *Railways in the Australian Capital Territory*.

Shellshear, Walter M, 'Railways', publication extract, date not known, source not identified. Copy held on Heritage Unit file No 91/04857.

Assessment

The Council's assessment against the criteria specified in s.10 of the *Heritage Act 2004* is as follows in relation to the place:

Criterion (a) *it demonstrates a high degree of technical or creative achievement (or both), by showing qualities of innovation, discovery, invention or an exceptionally fine level of application of existing techniques or approaches*

Heritage Council assessment:

The station building does not demonstrate a high degree of technical or creative achievement and unless new evidence comes to light the building does not appear innovative. The Kingston Railway Station Terminal does not meet the threshold for heritage listing under this criterion.

Criterion (b) *it exhibits outstanding design or aesthetic qualities valued by the community or a cultural group*

Heritage Council assessment:

The station building is not seen as having outstanding design or aesthetic qualities and therefore does not meet the threshold for entry against this criterion. The Kingston Railway Station does not meet the threshold for heritage listing under this criterion.

Criterion (c) *it is important as evidence of a distinctive way of life, taste, tradition, religion, land use, custom, process, design or function that is no longer practised, is in danger of being lost or is of exceptional interest*

Heritage Council assessment:

The Kingston Railway Station Terminal does not meet the threshold for heritage listing under this criterion.

Criterion (d) *it is highly valued by the community or a cultural group for reasons of strong or special religious, spiritual, cultural, educational or social associations*

Heritage Council assessment:

The Kingston Railway Station Terminal does not meet the threshold for heritage listing under this criterion.

Criterion (e) *it is significant to the ACT because of its importance as part of local Aboriginal tradition*

Heritage Council assessment:

There is no evidence that the Kingston Railway Station is significant to the Aboriginal community.

Criterion (f) *it is a rare or unique example of its kind, or is rare or unique in its comparative intactness*

Heritage Council assessment:

The Kingston Railway Station Terminal does not meet the threshold for heritage listing under this criterion.

Criterion (g) *it is a notable example of a kind of place or object and demonstrates the main characteristics of that kind*

Heritage Council assessment:

The Kingston Railway Station Terminal does not meet the threshold for heritage listing under this criterion.

Criterion (h) *it has strong or special associations with a person, group, event, development or cultural phase in local or national history*

Heritage Council assessment:

The Kingston Railway Station Terminal does not meet the threshold for heritage listing under this criterion.

Criterion (i) *it is significant for understanding the evolution of natural landscapes, including significant geological features, landforms, biota or natural processes*

Heritage Council assessment:

This criterion is not applicable.

Criterion (j) *it has provided, or is likely to provide, information that will contribute significantly to a wider understanding of the natural or cultural history of the ACT because of its use or potential use as a research site or object, teaching site or object, type locality or benchmark site*

Heritage Council assessment:

The Kingston Railway Station Terminal does not meet the threshold for heritage listing under this criterion.

Criterion (k) *for a place—it exhibits unusual richness, diversity or significant transitions of flora, fauna or natural landscapes and their elements*
The nominator made no claim against this criterion.

Heritage Council assessment:

This criterion is not applicable

Criterion (1) for a place—it is a significant ecological community, habitat or locality for any of the following:

- (i) the life cycle of native species;*
- (ii) rare, threatened or uncommon species;*
- (iii) species at the limits of their natural range;*
- (iv) distinct occurrences of species*

Heritage Council assessment:

This criterion is not applicable.

Conclusion

The ACT Heritage Council finds that the Kingston Railway Station Terminal is of insufficient heritage value to warrant provisional registration in the ACT Heritage Register.

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