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20005. Ginninderra Police Station

Block 1580 (previously block 28)

District of BELCONNEN

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5. Ginninderra Police Station and Grounds [V26]¹

Location

District of Belconnen, Block 1580 (originally Block 28). ACT 1:10 000 Planning Series Map 618 Grid Reference 206650-613530. West of Barton Highway and opposite Gold Creek Road. The subject land is bounded by the Barton Highway on the north and east and by CSIRO lands on the other two sides, as identified in Figure 5 and on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay H5. The land is triangular in shape and comprises approximately 4ha.

Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place

The place comprises:

- a) a single storey weatherboard police station with lock up and residence;
- b) stable building;
- c) picket fence;
- d) outside toilet; and
- e) remnants of the former one officer station including horse paddock, access laneways, mature tree plantings and landscape.

Statement Of Significance

The Ginninderra Police Station is a rare example of a small rural police station and residence predating the development of the Federal Capital Territory. The design and construction of this Federation building is unique in the ACT as the only remaining original Federation style building which existed prior to the development of the Territory.

The site is a significant example of a self-contained rural police station, still complete with lock-up, residence, stable buildings, outside toilet, horse paddock, access laneway, remnant picket fence and gate, and a landscape of mature trees.

The high level of integrity of the internal fabric in the residence building heightens the importance of this historic site.

Specific Requirements

In accordance with s.54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, the following requirements are identified as essential to the retention of the heritage significance of the place;

- i) Retention of the major architectural and aesthetic elements that contribute to the significance of this place as the only intact example of an original Federation style building constructed in the ACT.
- ii) Retention of those elements within the place that evidence the site as an early example of a rural police station and residence.
- iii) Elements of the historic landscape that provide an appropriate setting for this place, including the current driveway access are to be retained. The current boundary is to be retained with provision for possible future extension of the place to the original boundaries of the land (ie. Portion 67) so as to enhance the rural setting.
- iv) Future use of the buildings is to be in keeping with the historical significance of the place, and appropriate to the former functions of the buildings.
- v) The integrity of the site and its fabric are to be maintained, and prior to any repairs and maintenance programs, a conservation plan for the site is to be completed and submitted to the Heritage Council of the ACT for approval within a time period specified by the Heritage Council in consultation with the lessee.
- vi) conservation and stabilisation of the structures on this place are to be undertaken as soon as practicable and to the approval of the Council.
- vii) the Aboriginal history of this place with specific reference to the 'black tracker' is to be further researched and incorporated into the conservation study of this place.

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Figure 5: Ginninderra Police Station and Grounds

