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# South Australian Heritage Council

Submission on whether the entry of **Shed 26, Semaphore Road, New Port** should be confirmed in the South Australian Heritage Register

The South Australian Heritage Council can only take into account heritage significance of a place as defined by the *Heritage Places Act 1993* (Act) when considering places for entry on the South Australian Heritage Register. Using the table below, please provide evidence or information to explain why you believe the place does or does not meet the criteria under the Act.

## Criteria

Criteria under the <i>Heritage Places Act 1993</i> , section 16(1)	Provide evidence or other information why you believe criteria applies or does not apply to this place
(a) it demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history	<p>Port Adelaide has been at the centre of South Australia's economic and maritime history since the 1830s.</p> <p>Shed 26 on Glanville Dock is significant because of its substantial role in that history.</p> <p>From 1956 to 1988 it was a major centre for ship repair and maintenance and provided critical infrastructure for the harbour craft – dredgers, tugs and barges that were essential to operating and maintaining Port Adelaide and South Australia's regional ports.</p> <p>Shed 26 also stands as evidence of a longer history.</p>



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Ship repair and maintenance has taken place on that site from the 1850s when a parcel of land on the south side of Hawkers Creek was set aside for a government dockyard to service the vessels that visited and operated in the Port.

Shed 26 stands across the River from the heritage-listed Harts Mill with clear sight lines between the two buildings. The Mill illustrates the industrial heritage of the Port. Mills, smelters and factories were built in the Port because it offered transport for materials and products. Shed 26 remains the last visible evidence of the complementary history of shipbuilding and harbour maintenance.

Shed 26 was built from 1956 for the South Australian Harbors Board as part of a redevelopment of the government's Glanville Dockyard that was envisaged in the Greater Port Adelaide Plan of 1949. The Dockyard was a centre for ship repair and for the maintenance of the Harbors Board's own dredgers, tugs and other infrastructure. Glanville Dockyard was one of the largest and most significant workplaces in Port Adelaide for three decades. By 1986 its best days were behind it and the Dockyard closed in 1988 with 236 employees.

Work at Glanville was outlined in a newspaper account in 1923:

*"Many improvements have been effected at the dockyard during the last few years. The*



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*repairs to the whole of the State's harbors and rivers plant are dealt with at Glanville – even the making of trucks for the numerous wharves and jetties scattered along our coast. Tugboats, motor launches, dredgers, barges and craft of smaller dimensions all receive attention at these works, in addition to many other appurtenances." (News 13 August 1923)*

Historic photographs show Shed 26 with barges, dredgers, launches and floating cranes crowding the adjoining dock. That infrastructure was the foundation of Port Adelaide. In its natural state the Port River was characterised by mangrove flats and shallow water. It was once nicknamed *Mudholia*. Shallow waters have been dredged to create shipping channels and land reclaimed to create wharves with hard edges.

The Shed is significant to the maritime and industrial history of the state because it was a major centre of ship repair and maintenance and it was critical to maintaining essential infrastructure in both Port Adelaide and the regions.

(b) it has rare, uncommon or endangered qualities that are of cultural significance

A large measure of the rarity of Shed 26 derives from its location. There are other saw tooth sheds in South Australia. However, the location of Shed 26 on the waterfront on Glanville Dock make it a rare example of the industrial workplaces that once lined the Inner Harbor – the historic heart of shipping in South



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	<p>Australia.</p> <p>Shed 26 is now the only remaining building from the sprawling workshops and facilities that comprised the Glanville Dockyard. On that site and with that function it is a reminder of the history of ship maintenance and shipbuilding: most recently as the Glanville Dockyard, but before that as the Government Dockyards which worked there since at least the 1850s.</p> <p>While industrial buildings and wharf sheds once lined Port Adelaide's historic Inner Harbor, only two remain today. One is Hart's Mill dating from 1854. The other is Shed 26. ( Wharf shed 1 is slated for demolition. Shed 1 was actually fabricated in Shed 26)</p>
<p>(c) it may yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the State's history, including its natural history</p>	
<p>(d) it is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance</p>	



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<p>(e) it demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics</p>	
<p>(f) it has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it</p>	<p>Shed 26 stands witness to the working life of the Port Adelaide community.</p> <p>Part of Glanville Dockyard, the Shed was a vast workplace, characteristic of the Port and of the shipping industry up until the 1980s. When the Dockyard closed in 1988, with its best years behind it, there were still 236 employees working on the site. On that same site, in 1898, 300 men were employed at the dockyard.</p> <p>For much of its history Port Adelaide has been a place where people live and work in the same council area.</p> <p>The Port Centre is still remembered as a place of thriving high-street shopping and a busy business district into the 1970s. Many of those shops, banks and shipping offices are now listed on the State Heritage Register.</p> <p>The workers on the docks, on the wharves and in shipping filled those streets. It was their patronage that explains the number of heritage pubs and shop fronts in the Port Centre. Shed 26 complements and makes sense of the heritage buildings of the Port Centre–</p>



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	<p>South Australia's first heritage precinct.</p> <p>There is strong community attachment to that history in the people who remember high street shopping and the people who are descended from those who worked on the docks and in the ships.</p> <p>It is vital to value industrial heritage as well architectural heritage. By demolishing the less aesthetically pleasing industrial structures, we not only trivialize the history of working life, we render it invisible.</p>
<p>(g) it has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance</p>	<p>Shed 26 has a special association with the South Australian Harbors Board, an organization that has been of central importance to the economic history of South Australia.</p> <p>The SA Harbors Board was responsible for building and managing Shed 26 from 1958 as part of its responsibility for managing all South Australian ports.</p> <p>Managing port infrastructure was a major role of government from the foundation of the Province of South Australia. The SA Harbors Board managed that function from 1914 to 1966. It succeeded the Marine Board of South Australia which operated from 1860 to 1922 and in turn it was followed by the Department of Marine and Harbors from 1966 to 1993.</p>



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### Declaration

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I [redacted] (here) wish to make a written representation regarding the provisional entry of **Shed 26, Semaphore Road, New Port**. The information I have provided is correct to my knowledge.

- I **support** the confirmation of this provisional entry  
 I **do not support** the confirmation of this provisional entry

I do / I do not (circle) [redacted] (as out other) wish to appear personally before the Council to make oral

Signature: [redacted]

Date: **12-03-2019**  
(please add today's date)

Please attach any relevant documents.

A heritage officer may contact you to discuss this submission.

This form must be received by 5pm on **12 March 2019**.

Please return the completed form to:

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