



SHED 26 COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNERS AWAIT GOVERNMENT DECISION ON HERITAGE LISTING

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The community group campaigning for the heritage listing and adaptive reuse of Shed 26 on Port Adelaide's inner harbour waterfront are expecting Minister for Environment and Water, David Speirs MP, to inform the South Australian Heritage Council of his decision regarding heritage listing of the iconic building by this **Thursday 11 April**.

Key timeline/facts:

> **6 December 2018** – SA Heritage Council provisionally heritage lists Shed 26 as state heritage and invites written public submissions.

> **12 March 2019** – Public submissions close. The SA Heritage Council receives its largest ever response to its call for written submissions, with 80% of the submissions in support of state heritage listing.

> **22 March 2019** – The SA Heritage Council unanimously votes to support the permanent state heritage listing of Shed 26, finding that it meets four criteria for state heritage (a, d, f and g). Shed 26 only needed to meet one criteria to be state heritage listed. Shortly after the meeting, Minister Speirs writes to SAHC chairperson Keith Conlon asking him to defer any decision on permanent listing while he considers whether to use his power in the Heritage Places Act to scrap its listing altogether. In making this decision the Minister is required to consider the public interest.

The next meeting of the South Australian Heritage Council is scheduled for **Thursday 11 April, 9:30am-11:30am at Level 10, 81-95 Waymouth St, Adelaide (meeting rooms 10.5 and 10.6)**. The public can observe this meeting and campaigners for Shed 26 will be attending. **We will be available for comment at the meeting.**

The alliance of people campaigning to save Shed 26 include heritage experts and activists, cultural organisations, artists, curators and museum professionals, people who have worked at Shed 26, architects, business people and many local residents.

Emma Webb, a member of the group, said "Shed 26 has decisively met the high threshold for state heritage, in not only one but four of the criteria. There can be no doubt that Shed 26 is state heritage. It is now a question of how we as a state want to treat our heritage – and in fact how the South Australian Government wants to regard its own heritage listing process."

"We believe that there is a substantial public interest in keeping Shed 26 and seeing it adaptively reused within a visionary project such as a new Maritime Museum precinct. A project such as this will benefit the state of South Australia and will also benefit Cedar Woods' 'Fletcher's Slip' development project. This can be a win-win. We hope that the Minister has listened to the strong arguments for this case over the last couple of weeks."

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