



PORT COMMUNITY DEVASTATED BY GOVERNMENT DECISION ON SHED 26

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Minister for Environment and Water, David Speirs MP, has used his powers under the Heritage Places Act to direct the SA Heritage Council to remove Shed 26 from the SA State Heritage Register.

On 6 December 2018 the SA Heritage Council, a panel of heritage experts appointed by the Government, provisionally heritage listed Shed 26 as state heritage and invited written public submissions. The SA Heritage Council received its largest ever response to its call for written submissions, with 80% of the submissions in support of state heritage listing.

On 22 March 2019, the SA Heritage Council unanimously voted to support the permanent state heritage listing of Shed 26, finding that it met 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 wrote to SAHC chairperson Keith Conlon asking him to defer any decision on permanent listing while he considered whether to use his power in the Heritage Places Act to scrap its listing altogether. He reached his decision to scrap Shed 26's heritage listing today and it is expected to be formally delisted at 2pm tomorrow/Thursday 18 April.

Save Shed 26 will hold a gathering and media conference on site at Shed 26 at 10am (for 10:15am media statement) Thursday 18 April.

Emma Webb, a member of the group, said "We are incredibly disappointed that the Minister has delisted Shed 26. Shed 26 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."

"This a huge missed opportunity to adaptively reuse this iconic and important building in what could be a world class waterfront development. Waterfront developments around the world reuse and incorporate maritime heritage. Yet in South Australia we are trashing our heritage. There is no doubt that Port Adelaide has been let down by both the current Liberal Government and the former Labor Government in regards to Shed 26."

"We continue to call on developer Cedar Woods to listen to the community, to heritage experts, and to the visionary proposals of how Shed 26 could be incorporated into their 'Fletcher's Slip' development project. It is not too late for them to reimagine their plans."

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