

Shed 26 Glanville Dock

Quotes from submissions to the Heritage Council

‘Shed 26 is the last remaining reminder of the Government Dockyards (and the Glanville Dockyard) which served the State from the 1850s to the late 1980s. It is a highly significant remnant of South Australia’s maritime, industrial and working class history.’

‘It remains an eye-catching reminder of the working Port of Adelaide and the contribution of generations of workers and their families to South Australian development.’

‘Keeping the Shed 26 structure intact is one of the last opportunities to ensure that the Peninsula and the Port remain physically, visually and culturally connected.’

‘It is what attracts them to move to or visit Port Adelaide – for its history, its heritage, its distinctive grittiness and character.’

‘An adaptively reused Shed 26 can be a potent tool for housing and telling the state’s maritime and industrial history, a space that can give testimony to what went before and welcome future hopes for the area.’

‘For all the working people and their contribution – for all the engineers and draftsmen, the fitters and turners, the pilots, skippers, riggers and haulers, the wharfies and deckhands, the shop stewards, apprentices, draughtsmen and engineers – this listing is for them.’

‘The recent history of the Port waterfront redevelopment has seen much of its heritage destroyed by developers and against the explicit wishes of the community.’

‘Port Adelaide was the beating industrial heart of the state for well over a century.’

‘Shed 26 is a powerful reminder of the State’s industrial history.’

‘As an industrial building right on the river frontage, Shed 26 provides one of the very last visual reminders of the importance of the Port and its industry to the development of South Australia.’

‘Shed 26 is our last hope of retaining the visual impact of a wharf shed on the northern side of the river.’

‘Shed 26 is now all that remains from that time on the river. It is also one of the few tangible reminders of the social history of the working port, and of the contribution of ordinary people to the history of Port Adelaide and surrounds and the state more broadly.’

‘It is my hope that preserving Shed 26 today will provide future generations with the opportunity to feel that sense of connection to something unique in our past, and foster understanding what the Port has been, and how people like my kin lived and worked in it, to build our state.’

‘For the last six years the community have waited respectfully and in good faith for Port Renewal to honour its commitment to the community on the issue of Shed 26.’

‘Shed 26 should remain as an essential part of the cultural fabric of Port Adelaide and a contributor to its economic future.’

‘Repurposing Shed 26 keeps the legacy of all the workers and the stories of the people who worked at Glanville Dockyards, alive.’

‘Part of the unique appeal of Port Adelaide is its gritty and industrial history and its buildings – both brick and mortar and more ephemeral galvo sheds – are intrinsically connected to gruelling physical labour.’

‘By demolishing this shed, we not only trivialize that history and those stories but the contributions of those who helped build modern South Australia.’

'It [Shed 26] was a place of creativity and community , a place crammed with stories and characters, a place of rituals and high jinx and a place that stood as a testament to the dignity of manual labour.'

"Respect our heritage by celebrating and restoring historic buildings, ensure a strong connection between the old and the new, retain heritage wharf areas and activate the water for recreation."
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