

## STATEMENT OF REASONS

Section 75 of the *Heritage Act 2011*: Application to conduct major work on a heritage place

<b>Applicant</b>	Mr Paul Winter, Darwin Services Club
<b>Location</b>	Old Admiralty House 10/68a Esplanade, Darwin City
<b>Application</b>	Application submitted to the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment 3 February 2025, considered by Heritage Council 13 February 2025
<b>Decision maker</b>	Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment

### MATERIAL CONSIDERED

- Application to carry out works at Old Admiralty House submitted to the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment on 3 February 2025
- Advice from the Heritage Council received 12 March 2025
- Further information from Applicant received 24 March 2025

### THE DECISION

In accordance with section 75 of the *Heritage Act 2011* (the Act) I have decided to approve the works outlined in the Application.

Pursuant to section 76 of the Act I have imposed conditions on the work to mitigate impacts to heritage significance and support interpretation.

The approval is valid for a period of 24 months. Work must be completed by the expiration date or a revised application submitted.

The approval does not extend to any work beyond the work stipulated in the Application. All new works require a separate application.

### CONSIDERATIONS

Section 75 of the Act requires the decision maker to consider:

- the extent to which an application, if approved, would affect the heritage significance of the heritage place (section 75(1)(a))
- the extent to which the application if refused would affect the reasonable or economic use of the place or cause a person undue financial hardship (section 75(1)(b))
- the Heritage Council's advice (section 75(1)(c))
- if the heritage place or object is, or is in, a sacred site – the advice of the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (section 75(1)(d)) (not a relevant consideration for this application)
- other matters relating to the conservation, use and management of the place or object the decision maker considers relevant (section 75(1)(e)).

## REASONS FOR DECISION

I considered the matters required under section 75 of the Act.

I have sought to balance the extent to which the works would affect the heritage significance of Old Admiralty House against the reasonable economic use of the place.

I have determined that while some of the works will have an impact on the heritage significance of the place, in principle heritage buildings should be visited and used. Visitation (through clientele) provides an opportunity to share the story of Old Admiralty House.

I have imposed conditions on the work approval to mitigate heritage impacts and promote interpretation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Burgoyne', is positioned above the typed name.

Hon Joshua Burgoyne MLA  
Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment

DATE 31 MAR 2025

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