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CSIRO YARRALUMLA INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Unfortunately the National Trust was only made aware of this document that was available for comment very recently so have only had a chance for an overview review but we do provide some important comments.

1 ACT Heritage Act

As planning control is with NCA the ACT Heritage Act has no legal status even if CSIRO leave the site. The statement on p67 is incorrect which means, several of the subsequent recommendations etc is not correct and needs to be amended to provide appropriate protection (also p90 and p94).

2 NCA

NCA do not control interiors so if CSIRO were to leave the site significant interiors are at risk. This is not discussed or canvassed in the CMP (p69 refers).

3 Moral Rights Ownership

Moral rights ownership (refer p71) should all be clearly listed to assist future protection of the buildings.

4 Details

Details of CSIRO Gungahlin are not current and need to be updated if a reasonable discussion is to occur (refer p 75).

5 Comparative Analysis

The comparative analysis lacks any comparison with other contemporary buildings in the ACT and therefor is not a reasonable analysis (refer p 72).

6 Unique Forestry Elements

We believe that there are unique forestry elements on the site which are not acknowledged and the assessment lacks evidence to support the conclusion (refer p78).

7 Policies

The policies are not numbered or clearly identified making it difficult to locate critical aspects to guide the future.

8 Statement of Significance

There does not appear to be a consolidated statement of significance, only a copy of that in the Freeman CMP (refer p 85) and the Commonwealth Heritage Listing with one additional paragraph (refer p86).



9 Significant Elements

There is a lack of detail to identify exactly what elements are significant within the buildings rated of high significance and what is the heritage setting to adequately guide future management of the place.

Yours sincerely



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