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20001. Canberra Croquet Clubhouse and Lawns

Section 40 Block 7 and part of road reservation between Block 7 and street verges of Alexandrina Drive and Commonwealth Avenue

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1. Canberra Croquet Clubhouse and Lawns [V26]¹

Location

District of Canberra Central, Division of Yarralumla, Section 40, Block 7 and in addition that part of the road reservation between Block 7 and the street verges of Alexandrina Drive and Commonwealth Avenue directly adjoining, as identified in Figure 1 and as indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay H1.

Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place

The place comprises:

- a) the croquet lawns;
- b) the clubhouse;
- c) the furniture fixtures and fittings around the lawn; and
- d) those trees within the property boundary proposed for listing.

Statement Of Significance

The Croquet Club operated as a "women only" sporting club from 1928 to 1975. This club was one of the few early social focal points for women associated with Parliamentarians and Government officials. The Club remains the only croquet club in the ACT.

The clubhouse and lawns contribute to the historic streetscape along Commonwealth Avenue, which includes the architecturally important Hyatt Hotel Canberra and Albert Hall. The croquet lawn was once part of the outdoor facilities provided for guests at the Hotel Canberra in 1923.

The croquet lawns are intrinsic to the landscape setting of the Hotel Canberra. The design of the club house and associated structures reflect the Federal Capital Architecture style of the adjacent hotel.

Specific Requirements

In accordance with s.54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, the following requirements are identified as essential to the retention of the heritage significance of the place:

- i) The croquet lawns and clubhouse are to be conserved in their landscape setting.
- ii) A conservation study of the structures and associated areas is to be completed and submitted to the Heritage Council for approval within a time specified by the Council and in consultation with the lessee. A management plan derived from this study is to guide repairs and maintenance to ensure that the integrity of the structures and lawns is retained.
- iii) A heritage assessment of the landscape values of the place is to be undertaken as part of the conservation study. The integrity of the cultural landscape is to be protected. Continuity in management of the place, including the significant plantings is to be ensured as necessary.
- iv) Any redevelopment of the place is to be consistent with the Federal Capital Architectural style and the existing landscape setting of the Hyatt Hotel Canberra.
- v) No other form of sport, which conflicts with its predominant use for croquet, shall be permitted on the site.

¹ [V26: Added to Heritage Places Register 09/12/1994 (Variation Number 26)]

Figure 1: Canberra Croquet Clubhouse and Lawns

