



ACT Heritage Council

## Entry to the ACT Heritage Register

*Heritage Act 2004*

### **20092. Jerrabomberra Wetlands**

Section 38 block 10 (part),  
Section 66 block 1 (part),  
Section 67 block 2 and block 3 (part),  
Section 68 block 1,  
Section 74 block 1(part),  
Section 77 block 1.

### **FYSHWICK**

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**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**INTERIM HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER**

For the purposes of s. 54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, a citation for:

**JERRABOMBERRA WETLANDS, FYSHWICK**

has been prepared by the ACT Heritage Council, and included in an interim Heritage Places Register. This is pursuant to the ACT Heritage Council Resolution No. 47/7 made on 31 August 1998.

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## INTERIM HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER

### CITATION

#### JERRABOMBERRA WETLANDS, FYSHWICK

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#### LOCATION OF PLACE:

- Fyshwick Section 38 block 10 (part), Section 66 block 1 (part), Section 67 block 2 and block 3 (part), Section 68 block 1, Section 74 block 1(part), Section 77 block 1.
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#### FEATURES INTRINSIC TO THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PLACE:

The features intrinsic to the heritage significance of the place are:

- a) the bird and other wildlife habitation areas; and
  - b) the palaeochannels.
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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Jerrabomberra Wetlands is one of the most valuable wetland habitats in the ACT, increasing the biological diversity of Lake Burley Griffin and Canberra City. It provides a series of wetland habitats that support a rich and diverse bird fauna, including most of the wetland species occurring in southern Australia. Many terrestrial birds occur there as well as a number of platypus and water rats and other wildlife including invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles and fish.

Sections of the wetlands are used as a stopover for migratory waders, including Latham's Snipe, which is the subject of protection agreements between Australia, Japan and China. The agreements encourage the signatory nations to protect the habitats of species listed as well as to conserve the bird species themselves.

The wetlands provide the only extensive area of riverine flood plains with existing Palaeochannels in the ACT.

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#### SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

In the National Capital Plan the land on which comprises the Jerrabomberra Wetlands is specified as a Designated Area under the provisions of s.10(1) of the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988* and work carried out is subject to the approval of the National Capital Authority. The land is not classified as National Land under the National Land Ordinance 1989 or subsequent amendments. Consequently the land is Territory Land and Territory planning requirements may also apply. In accordance with Section 54(1) of the *(Land Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, the following requirements are identified as essential to the conservation of the heritage significance of this place. These requirements apply to works undertaken by the Territory and in circumstances where the Territory is the approving authority. The Territory's conservation policy for the place is:

**The Jerrabomberra Wetlands shall be maintained and managed as a wetland habitat to retain the biological diversity of the place in accordance with the Parks and Conservation Management Plan for Jerrabomberra Wetlands (1994).**

Any activity relating to the requirements to conserve the heritage significance of this place development under Part VI of the Land Act and requires approval prior to undertaking the activity. To undertake development without prior approval may constitute an offence. This is in addition to any approval required under s.12 of the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988*.

**(i) Requirements relating to the Place**

- (a) Future development of the wetlands be carried out to retain the existing habitats and biological diversity of the Wetlands.
- (b) Limit native flora to those species of plant appropriate to south-eastern tablelands temperate wetland environments.
- (c) The biological requirements for aquatic bird species, particularly those migrant species under international agreements, remain a high concern in present and future management options.

**(ii) Requirements relating to aquatic birds**

- (a) Current and future management of the Wetlands should provide for migrant species under international agreements, particularly the biological requirements for aquatic birds.

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**MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

In assessing this place for the interim Heritage Places Register, the Council recommends that the following actions and activities should be undertaken which will enhance the heritage values of the place. They are made as recommendations and have no legal effect.

- (i) It is recommended that the Management Plan, which has been developed for the Jerrabomberra Wetlands by ACT Parks and Conservation Service (1994), be used as a basis for the management of the wetlands.