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20031. Huntly

Blocks 412, 413, 426, 487-490 including all abutting road reservations as identified as part of H31

District of STROMLO

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31. Huntly [V78]¹

Location

District of Stromlo, Blocks 412, 413, 426, 429 and 432 including all abutting road reservations as identified in Figure 31 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay H31.

Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place

The place comprises:

- a) the main house;
- b) the Lee House;
- c) carports, garages, farm buildings and garden sheds associated with these houses;
- d) the manager's cottage;
- e) silos and stables associated with the manager's cottage;
- f) the c1948 shearing shed and holding pens;
- g) a cottage, formerly shearers' accommodation, outhouses and a meat house associated with the shearing shed;
- h) stone remains of a shepherd's hut standing on the arms of Cliffe Creek; and
- i) plantings around the buildings of indigenous plants and exotics, including windbreaks of *Cupressus arizonica*.

Statement Of Significance

Huntly, as evidenced by the features listed above, has historic associations with the development of the Limestone Plains and has associational significance with local figures of the pastoral era, eg. Mowatt, Murray and Campbell. It is the largest surviving part of Yarralumla property and is associated with the establishment of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) and the last phase of soldier settlement in the FCT.

Huntly is a representative element of the rural setting of the National Capital. The property is an example of a 20th Century grazing property, a characteristic land use of the ACT before the expansion of the National Capital in the second half of the century.

The homestead garden merges the European gardenesque design with the Australian landscape. The aesthetics are consistent with late 20th Century standards appropriate for staging cultural, political and social events.

Specific Requirements

In accordance with s.54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, the following requirements are identified as essential to conservation of the heritage significance of this place. These requirements are prepared to implement the following conservation policy for the place:

Huntly is to be preserved as a rural property. The garden is to be maintained according to the design of Mr John Gale. It should be noted that conditions of the Plans of Management for the Murrumbidgee River Corridor (Stony Creek Reserve) and the Lower Molonglo River Corridor apply to those parts of the property which are in the two River Corridors and the Stony Creek Reserve.

- i) Huntly is to be maintained predominantly as a grazing property and for other uses consistent with a rural property, subject to the requirements for the management of the Murrumbidgee River Corridor and the Lower Molonglo River Corridor in relation to those parts, which are designated as Public Land.
- ii) The Garden shall be conserved and appropriately maintained.
- iii) All features intrinsic to the significance of the place are to be conserved and appropriately maintained.

¹ [V78: Added to Heritage Places Register 12/12/1997 (Variation Number 78)]

