

## NOMINATION TO THE ACT HERITAGE REGISTER

*Please note that the information below represents indicative heritage values only, and not the views of the ACT Heritage Council (the Council).*

*This nomination is yet to be assessed by the Council against the heritage significance criteria established under the Heritage Act 2004.*

*Acceptance of a nomination is a preliminary, threshold step and ought not to be taken as indicative of any particular outcome concerning the Council's assessment of the nomination.*

### **Block 16 Section 47 O'CONNOR 8 Westgarth Street O'CONNOR**

Number 8, Westgarth Street is a double brick post war cottage. Its architectural structure, design and aspect are of the highest technical degree. The architect designed this original workers cottage with longevity in mind. The cottage is a creative testament to post war architecture of its day. The cottage exhibits aesthetic qualities valued by any heritage community. The living and sleeping quarters are in their original state. The cottage exhibits original built in cupboards, mantelpiece, as well as being fitted with original mid-20th Century light fittings. All rooms are fitted with original cottage doors and doorknobs.

No 8 Westgarth Street certainly demonstrates a distinctive way of life. It was built for the purpose of housing skilled workers who come at the request of the government, to Canberra. This function is no longer practised and therefore the exceptional interest is in danger of being lost. A Heritage community would value No 8 Westgarth Street because of its educational and social implications. The cottage is the only known and comparatively intact example of its type. The cottage is a notable example of a class - the working class of the 1940s. The cottage demonstrates the principal characteristics of that class. So also, does the garden.

The cottage has a strong association with a development and cultural phase which played a significant part in the local history. The property demonstrates a significant likelihood of providing information which will contribute to a greater understanding of cultural history, by virtue of its use as a tyre locality or benchmark site. The gardens are in their original state. The front garden exhibits a rose garden with rose plantings dated to circa 1948. The back garden is enhanced with a cottage garden as well as an original wooden semi-detached garden shed. This shed was built circa 1948 and is in very good condition.