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Image 4: Plan No. A. C. 446 sent from the Secretary of the Federal Capital Advisory Committee to the Minister of Works and Railways on 10 May 1923 (NAA: A199, FC1924/447).

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**Image 5: Aircraft crash - DH9 aircraft, serial A6-28, which crashed at the original Canberra Aerodrome on 11 February 1926 (NAA: A3560, 438).**



**Image 6: Aircraft crash - DH9 aircraft, serial A6-28, which crashed at the original Canberra Aerodrome on 11 February 1926 (NAA: A3560, 439).**



**Image 7: Aircraft crash - DH9 aircraft, serial A6-28, which crashed at the original Canberra Aerodrome on 11 February 1926 (NAA: A3560, 440)**

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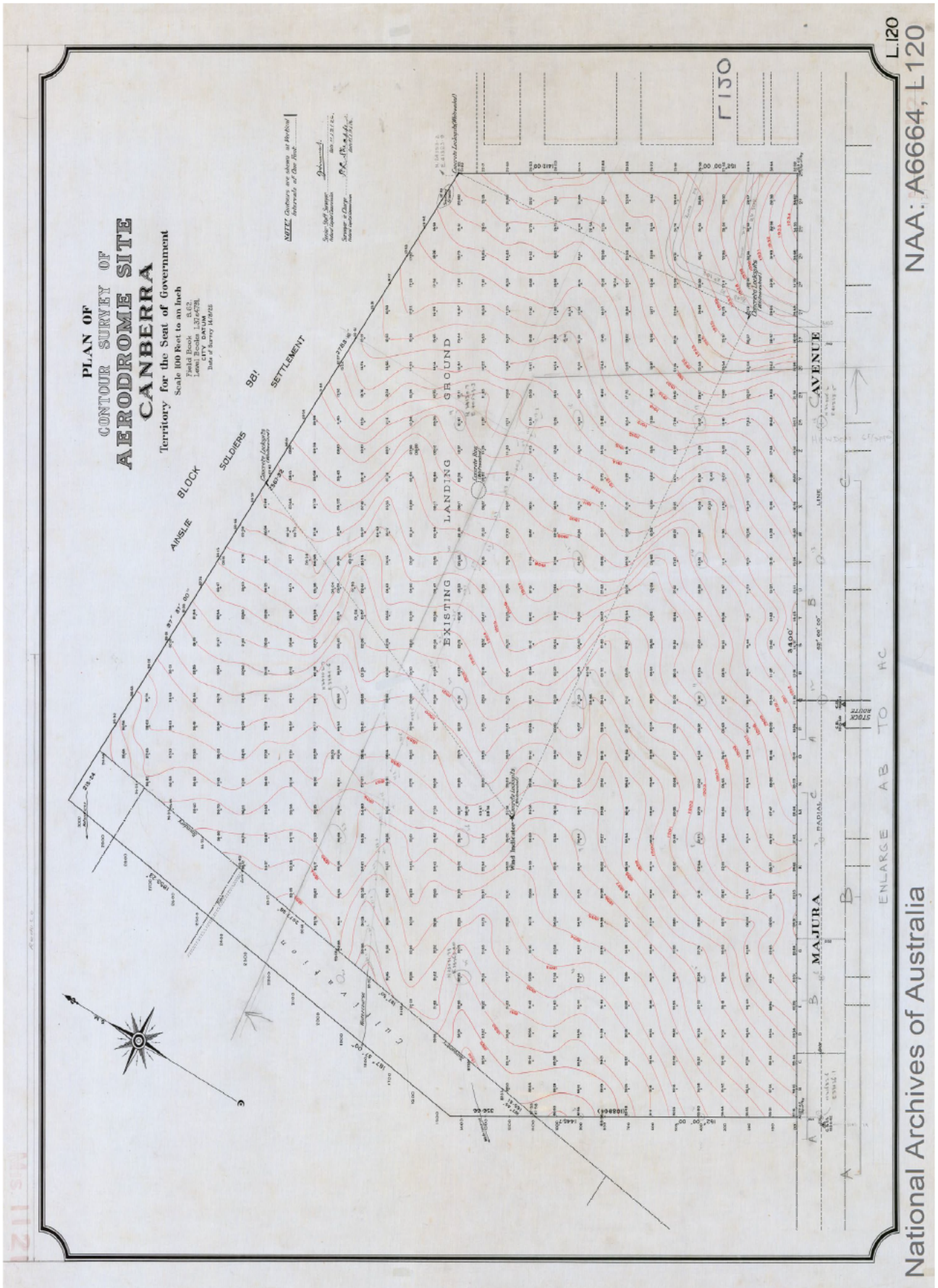


Image 8: Plan of Contour Survey of Aerodrome Site – Canberra (NAA: A6664, L120)

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**Image 9: Possible remnant of Lockspit A (provided as an attachment to the nomination)**

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<b>Assessment priorities 2020/21</b>				
<b>KEY THEMES</b>				
Precincts				
Historic				
Large Building/Commercial/Church				
Aboriginal				
Place/Object	Assessment Priority	Appeal Risk	Notes	Status
Tim Beard's Station Site	Low	unknown	Register Taskforce has given agreement for the progression of an SoR based on lack of available historical information	SoR 2020
Margaret Shumack's School Sampler	Low	Low	Detailed nomination with low appeal risk	Nominated - assessment active
Original Canberra Aerodrome Remnants	Low	High	Detailed nomination and archeological survey material available	Nominated - assessment active
7 Juad Place	Medium - some development pressure	Medium-High	Council to contribute to assessment and community/owner consultation. House recently re-sold	Nominated - assessment active
Majura House	Medium - possibly some development pressure in the future - ACT Government Eastern Broadacre	Low	Owners supportive of heritage listing	Nominated
Ashton Homestead	Low	Low	Linda R to assist with background information if capacity exists	Nominated
Cinema Centre	Medium - some development pressure	High - private owners, commercial, in the city	Decision to be made after final registration of Civic Square Precinct	Provisional Registration 2020
Belconnen Library	Low	Unknown - ACT Government asset	Minimal information available	Nominated
Macedonian Church	Low	Medium	SOR decision 17 September 2020	SoR 2020
Civic Square	High - development pressure/community expectation	medium-high - city-centre asset with multiple lessees	Final Registration decision 17 September 2020	Registration
Kingston Shops	High - development Pressure/community expectation	medium-high - inner Canberra asset with multiple lessees	Assessment underway. Community and development pressure and a lack of certainty for lessees and building managers led to this nomination becoming active in 2018.	Nominated - assessment active
Forrest Townhouses	Low - medium (community interest)	medium - owners may support listing but may require prescriptive guidelines	25% of the remaining nominations list comprises private residences that have been nominated for over 10 years. To progress the nominations list and provide certainty for owners, these places must be assessed even though they represent high appeal risks. ACT Heritage also receives frequent enquiries from the National Trust about the status of the individual nomination for this place.	Nominated - assessment active
Ginninderra Creek Corroboree Ground Cultural Gathering Place	High - Aboriginal heritage place	Low	Detailed and complete nomination with land owner support	Provisional Registration 2021
BPAD1 (High density Artefact Site)	High - Aboriginal heritage place	Low	Public Land	Nominated - assessment active
Mt Majura Stone Axe	High - Aboriginal heritage place	Low	Public Land	Nominated

## NOMINATIONS ARRANGED BY THEME/TYPE

Brick Banks' at Erindale Skatepark	Historic
Ashton Homestead	Historic
Gladefield Homestead	Historic
Historical Railway Objects	Historic – Issues with lack of information
NSW/ACT Border Markers	Very Large project (years) in progress
Travelling Stock Route	Very Large project (years) in progress
Canberra's Pre-cast Concrete Bus Shelters	Historic
Canberra Fire Museum Large Technology Object Collection	Historic
Original Canberra Aerodrome Remnants	Historic
Margaret Shumack's Stone Hut School Sampler	Historic
Kingston Chambers	Historic
<b>NATURAL NOMINATIONS POSSIBLE HERITAGE/CULTURAL VALUES</b>	
Stirling Park	Nominated for natural values, but may have crossover cultural and/or historic values
Cotter dam, parts of the reserve and suspension bridge	Nominated for natural values, but may have crossover cultural and/or historic values
Bogong Moth ( <i>Agrostis infusa</i> ) rock shelter aestivation sites	Nominated for natural values, but may have crossover cultural and/or historic values
Cotter Reserve environs	Nominated for natural values, but may have crossover cultural and/or historic values
Casuarina Sands	Nominated for natural values, but may have crossover cultural and/or historic values
Namadgi National Park	Nominated for natural values, but may have crossover cultural and/or historic values
Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve	Nominated for natural values, but may have crossover cultural and/or historic values
Traditional Nesting Sites of Peregrine Falcons	Natural – may have values, unclear whether place is a section 42A decision.

Roche House, Deakin	2019 – Nomination Form
Fitter's Workshop	2012 – Nomination Form
Mt Majura Stone Axe 1	2014 – Nomination Form
BPAD1	2012 (Navin Officer – Nomination Form)
Hume 5	2011 CHMA – Nomination Form
GNST1 Scarred Tree	2015 – Nomination Form
Greek Orthodox Church	2012 According to HERO
NSW/ACT Border Markers	2015 – Nomination Form
Aboriginal Places of West Belconnen	2016 – Nomination Form
Possible Scarred Tree 1, Majura	2019 – Nomination Form
Scarred Tree MHW ST2, Kowen	2019 – Nomination Form
Urambi Co-operative Housing	2016 – Nomination Form
Brick Banks' at Erindale Skatepark	2017 – Nomination Form
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Jardine Street Commercial & Banking Row	2020 – Nomination Form
Kingston Chambers	2020 – Nomination Form
Curtin Radburn Residential Precinct	2020 – Nomination Form
Ainslie Volcanics	2020 – Nomination Form

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Hi team just fyi this email has been sent out just now. Council members have Q and A's, and some are on their way to the Minister. Comms have also been advised.

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Dear Gary and [REDACTED]

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*The presence of the Original Canberra Aerodrome that was previously located in the present-day suburb of Dickson is of historical note, as the first official aviation facility in the ACT and the location of Canberra's first air fatalities. However, the physical remains have been significantly disturbed, removed or destroyed over the years. Consequently, there are no evident remains of the central ring marker, nor three of the four lockspits. Only one lockspit fragment potentially remains, but its provenance is not certain. The Heritage Council considers that the known physical remnants are too fragmentary to meet the criteria for heritage listing.*

Kind regards

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