



ACT Heritage Council

## Entry to the ACT Heritage Register

*Heritage Act 2004*

### **20098. Pryor's Hut NNP**

Block 18 (part)

**District of COTTER RIVER**

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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..

**PRYOR'S HUT, NAMADGI NATIONAL PARK**

has been prepared by the ACT Heritage Council and included in an interim Heritage Places Register

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## INTERIM HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER

### CITATION

#### PRYOR'S HUT, NAMADGI NATIONAL PARK

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#### LOCATION OF PLACE:

CMA Corin Dam 1:25000 map, grid reference 610630; and an area comprising a circle of 100m diameter centred on that point.

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#### FEATURES INTRINSIC TO THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PLACE:

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

- the hut building;
  - the associated arboretum; and
  - its setting comprising the place as defined in the location of place (refer Fig.1).
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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Pryor's Hut is a shelter built for the Alpine Botanic Garden, an annexe of the National Botanic Gardens, and reflects the shelter needs of people working in the exposed mountain conditions of the Brindabella Range. It remains the most intact built evidence of this activity.

It is named after Professor Lyndsay Pryor, the then Superintendent of Parks and Gardens and a significant figure in Canberra's landscape history.

Pryor's Hut has for several decades been used by numbers of outdoors enthusiasts and is a regular stopping point for Canberra walkers and skiers today.

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#### 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 conservation of the heritage significance of the place. These requirements are prepared to implement the following conservation policy for the place:

**The hut is to be conserved and appropriately maintained.**

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Any activity relating to the requirements to conserve the heritage significance of this place is 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.

Because this place straddles the New South Wales/ACT border, elements of this place are in New South Wales and the requirements of the *Land(Planning and Environment) Act 1991* have no legal effect.

## **1. Requirements Relating to the Buildings**

- 1.1 Alterations and additions, including alterations to finishes, (such as painting and adding or removing wall claddings), must reflect and complement the architectural style of the original structure.
- 1.2 Demolition shall not be permitted, other than in exceptional circumstances, including circumstances in which the structures are structurally unsound and beyond economic repair or where there are significant public health and safety reasons to warrant demolition. All prudent and feasible alternatives to demolition will need to have been explored before demolition is considered. The demolition of original building fabric shall only be allowed in the context of sympathetic alteration and additions.

## **2. Requirements Relating to Landscape Setting**

- 2.1 The existing landscape setting of the hut is to be conserved and appropriately maintained, recognising also the need for attention to natural heritage and nature conservation objectives. Structures or other works which conflict with the style and nature of construction of the existing hut should not be permitted within sight of the hut.

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### **MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

In assessing this place for an interim Heritage Places Register, the Council recommends that detailed conservation and management planning policies be prepared, in consultation with the ACT Heritage Council. These policies should be updated periodically to retain their relevance and incorporated into the Plan of Management for Namadgi National Park.

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