



## ACT Heritage Council

### Nomination of Uriarra Village to the ACT Heritage Register

#### **DECISION**

On 16 January 2014, the Council dismissed the nomination of Uriarra Village to the ACT Heritage Register pursuant to section 30(1)(b) of the *Heritage Act 2004*.

#### **REASONS FOR DECISION**

On 11 December 2013, a nomination (“the new nomination”) was received for Uriarra Village under section 28 of the ACT *Heritage Act 2004* (“the Act”).

An earlier nomination for the Uriarra Forestry Settlement was assessed by the Heritage Council in 2011. At that time the Council decided not to provisionally register the place (NI2011-99). The nominator asserts that the new nomination may be distinguished from the earlier one “*mainly because the earlier nomination did not focus on the rural character of the Village and the importance of landscape as an essential element in that rural character*”.

The Council has carefully considered both the new nomination and the reasons for the 2011 decision.

The Nomination Form identifies the place nominated as “Uriarra Village”. Much of the material provided in support of the new nomination deals with the history of the Uriarra settlement. That history was traversed in the 2011 decision. In reaching that 2011 decision, the Council assessed the rural character of the Village in the following terms:

*“The area retains a rural village character through the street layout and design. The existing homes and other features from the time of the Forestry Settlement provide a historical context and character for the area.”*

The new nomination, as shown at Attachment 2 to the new nomination, covers not only the Village itself but also a much larger area to its north on Block No.76, District of Coree. This land is being considered for use as a solar farm.

In relation to the inclusion of part of Block No.76, Council notes that the new nomination does not claim it to be of any heritage significance in itself. Rather the claim appears to be that it is part of the landscape which contributes to “the rural character of the Village”.

Council has previously found that Uriarra Village does not meet the criteria for registration found in section 10 of the Act. No new ground for registration of the Village has been shown, nor has any claim been made that the additional area of land included in the new nomination is of heritage significance.

The Council has therefore decided to dismiss the new nomination under section 30(1)(b) of the Act, which reads:

*“the council has previously decided not to register the place or object nominated and is satisfied that the nomination shows no new grounds for registration”.*