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20008. Surveyor's Hut

Section 7 Block 1

CAPITAL HILL

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8. Surveyors' Hut (Also known as Scrivener's Hut or Chainman's Hut) [V26]¹

Location

District of Canberra Central, Division of Capital Hill, Section 7 Block I, as identified in Figure 8 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay H8.

Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place

A single roomed building measuring 3110 millimetres by 2980 millimetres constructed of mass concrete with a bowed corrugated iron roof. The place includes flagstones set in the ground to the north of the building which mark the location of two timber survey offices at one time located adjacent to the Surveyor's Hut.

Statement Of Significance

The Surveyor's Hut is historically important as the remnant of the original Federal Capital Survey camp, and as one of the earliest extant Commonwealth buildings in the ACT.

The hut has notable associations with the first surveyor of the Federal Capital, Charles Robert Scrivener.

The integrity of the structure and innovative and pragmatic use of materials provides a unique example of early surveying practices in the development of the ACT.

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 retention of the heritage significance of the place;

- i) The Surveyor's Hut and surroundings are to be conserved. Any alterations or restoration shall be undertaken within the framework provided in the Conservation Plan approved by the Heritage Council of the ACT.
- ii) Development around the Hut and wider camp place shall be restricted to ensure the retention of the simple setting and to allow appropriate interpretation of the place.
- iii) The interpretation facilities installed at the place shall be appropriately maintained in accordance with the approved conservation plan.

¹ [V26: Added to Heritage Places Register 09/12/1994 (Variation Number 26)]

Figure 8: Surveyors' Hut (Also known as Scrivener's Hut or Chainman's Hut)

