

# Application Referral Cultural Heritage - Response

<b>From:</b>	Sarah Waight
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Proposal is acceptable subject to conditions.
<b>Date Completed:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	48 LIVERPOOL STREET, HOBART
<b>Proposal:</b>	Temporary Hospital Accommodation Facility
<b>Application No:</b>	PLN-18-415
<b>Assessment Officer:</b>	Richard Bacon,

## Referral Officer comments:

This site is heritage listed in table E13.1 of the Scheme.

The proposal is for an extension of time for the occupation of a temporary facility known as J Block until 31 March 2025. No new development is proposed in this application. The Heritage Code only considers demolition, buildings and works and subdivision, therefore none of the provisions of the Heritage Code apply.

The relevant application was PLN-15-00460. The following heritage assessment was provided by Council's Senior Cultural Heritage Officer Brendan Lennard.

*"The application involves construction of temporary hospital facilities within the forecourt of the Royal Hobart Hospital.*

*The main hospital building (C Block) and the forecourt are heritage-listed.*

*The proposal will necessitate temporary removal of the upper part of the existing sandstone sculptures, to facilitate access to the new structure. Windows and balconies will also require temporary modification. The intention is that all will be reinstated following construction of the new hospital buildings and removal of the temporary facility.*

*The approval should be subject to all the various protective and reinstatement measures outlined in the memorandum dated 13 April 2015 addressed to Stuart Jones (RHH) from Peter Bartlett (Lyons Architects) – reference 150410 Liverpool Street Memorandum (2 pages), which is submitted with the planning application documents. An additional clarifying condition should state that the removal of the heads is to occur at the existing joint around chest level."*

The following two heritage conditions were included in the permit issued.

*"5. The proposed temporary removal and consequential reinstatement of the sandstone figure heads, balcony handrails and door openings to Building C must be undertaken in accordance with the recommendations contained within the memorandum dated 13 April 2015 addressed to Stuart Jones (Royal Hobart Hospital) from Peter Bartlett (Lyons Architects) – reference 150410 Liverpool Street Memorandum (2 pages). Reinstalment of building fabric detailed in that memorandum must occur within six months of the temporary hospital accommodation facility approved by this permit having been removed from the site.*

*Reason for condition*

*To ensure the appropriate care and retention of heritage integrity at the site.*

*6. The removal of the sandstone figure heads must occur at the existing joint around chest level.*

*Reason for condition*

*To ensure the appropriate care and retention of heritage integrity at the site."*

In addition, the following condition was included:

*"4. The temporary hospital accommodation facility must be removed from the site no later than four years after its installation, or within six months of the issue of a completion certificate for Building 'K', whichever is the earlier.*

*Reason for condition*

*To clarify the scope of the permit."*

An extension to the occupation of the building does not, in any way, provide confirmation that any future extensions of occupation are acceptable or validates J Block as a building that should gain permanency.

The two conditions 5 and 6 should be included in any permit issued.

Condition 4 could be modified to state that the facility (J Block) can be occupied until 31 March 2025 and must be removed within six months of that date.

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