

Chief Mechanical Engineers Building



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Submission with regard to the Chief Engineers Building CMP.

Comment:

To maintain any heritage significance, the CME building should remain in government ownership, as in accordance with Section 170, heritage protection only applies to government held assets.

Lease opportunities for reuse.

It is ridiculous that one of the significant heritage aspects of the CME building is that it had line of sight across the ERW, yet the proposal for the development of the Paint Shop Sub-Precinct has intrusive multi-storey buildings. Is each proposal viewed in isolation without regard for the precinct as a whole?

It is stated that the planting of trees or groups of trees has to be considered in relation to maintaining the line of sight across the ERW, so why are there towers planned within the Paint Shop Sub-Precinct?

The railway buildings of yore were aesthetically build and remain visual icons to this day. Their history should be preserved and available.

The importance of the ERW is well documented within the CMP.

Why bother with this, when, if previous proposals for the redevelopment of North Eveleigh are considered, it's an enormous amount of research to achieve very little.

P184: The LES is still used for storage of carriages and railway transport minutiae, not empty. At this point, it could still be used for stabling older locomotives on a short or long term basis, but the redevelopment proposal would ensure this didn't happen.

Input:

Maintain the facade, repair/replace in accordance with its original design.

No external signage on the building

Landscaping to reflect the era and/or the original vegetation

Disability access obtained reflecting the period features of the external facade.

Lease the use of the building once in good repair

Conclusion:

To have any hope of maintaining the CME building heritage value into the future, the building must be retained as a government asset.

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