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Lisa

The following comment has been cleared by the A/g Director, Historic Heritage Management Section:

The Australian Federal Police Cottage at 16 Alexandrina Drive, Yarralumla is an indicative place in the Register of the National Estate database. It is understood that the place is no longer owned by the Commonwealth but that it is leased by its present owner to the Australian Federal Police. It is also understood that compliance with the Conservation Management Plan is part of the contract of sale and that the Conservation Management Plan requires any fabric removed from the place during its ongoing occupation by Australian Federal Police to be stored on site until it is reinstated at the end of the lease.

Although the place is no longer Commonwealth owned, the land is National Land in the National Plan and any works proposal would require reference to the National Capital Authority for approval. The Authority may, if it wishes, seek advice from the Commission recognising the indicative heritage status of the cottage.

If the place were entered in the Register of the National Estate, the following obligations would apply to Commonwealth ministers, departments and agencies:

- . not to take any action likely to have an adverse effect on national estate values unless there was no feasible and prudent alternative;

- . where there is no feasible and prudent alternative all measures that can be reasonably taken to minimise the adverse effect must be taken.

If there is no feasible and prudent alternative to comply with the Conservation Management Plan policy to store elements removed from the bathroom on the site, because there is no storage space, then a measure to minimise any adverse effect that complies with the spirit of the Conservation Management Plan would be to arrange storage elsewhere and record its location so that the owner can reinstate the removed elements at the expiry of the lease.

Regards

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