

NATIONAL TRUST OUR HERITAGE AT RISK NOMINATION

1. IDENTIFICATION / LOCATION OF HERITAGE AT RISK

Current Name of Place/Object: Nelcebee

Other Names:

Street Address of Place/Object: On Dock #2,
Inner Harbour, Port Adelaide

Local Government Authority: Port Adelaide Enfield Council

Title Details: ON 79347

Latitude: **Longitude:**

Type of Place/Object: Ship (Steel)
Original Owner: Captain A. Wilson 1883

Current Owner - Name: South Australian Government

Current Occupant: Not occupied

Architect/Designer: unknown **Builder:** T. Cruickshank

Construction Date: June 1883 **Alteration/Additions Date:**

Original Use: Tug and Lighter

Current Use: Laid up on hardstand awaiting decision
about her future

1. IDENTIFICATION OF CURRENT RISK

Statement of Risk:

Due to lack of maintenance the vessel has deteriorated to a point where the vessel has been taken out of the water. There is a very high risk that the vessel will further deteriorate to a point where total destruction is the only solution. The condition at the moment is stable and a planned maintenance programme is recommended.

Degree of Risk: Immediate risk – no solution agreed

Threats/Risks: Destruction

Fate/outcome if no action Stuffed (shattered or smashed – Lost, ruined or destroyed)!

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Nelcebee has been for many years the oldest ship on the Australian register, 1883. It is one of the last examples of a typical 19th century steel-trading ketch built for coastal trading in the world. It operated commercially in S.A. from 1883 to 1982. The S.A. Government then purchased the vessel, which became part of the heritage fleet of the S.A. Maritime Museum.

4. CURRENT HERITAGE RECOGNITION; Nil

5. DESIRED OUTCOME / VISION

1. It is extremely important that this vessel, which has been part of South Australia's history for 124 years, be preserved either as a static display or as part of a working Port for future generations. An on-going maintenance programme is critical for the future viability of the ship.
2. The successful bidders for the Air-Warfare-Destroyer Contract be approached and encouraged to contribute their skills and labour, as part of a valuable training programme, towards the refurbishment of the Nelcebee's steel hull.

6. PHOTOGRAPHS







7. RISK/AMELIORATION REPORT CARD

Year:

Action:

Change in Status:

Rating: