

NATIONAL TRUST OUR HERITAGE AT RISK NOMINATION

1. IDENTIFICATION / LOCATION OF HERITAGE AT RISK

Current Name of Place/Object: Radio Shack

Other Names:

Street Address of Place/Object: Todd Street Port Adelaide.

Local Government Authority: City of Port Adelaide Enfield

Title Details: Deposited Plan D59621 Allotment A213

Latitude: 1380.30'27" **Longitude:** 34⁰.50'32.5"

Type of Place/Object: A simple Square Verandahed building

Original Owner: Customs

Current Owner - Name: Land Management Corporation
Address: Level 8 North, Riverside Centre North Terrace
ADELAIDE
SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5000

Current Occupant: Port Adelaide Radio Club

Architect/Designer: unknown
Builder: unknown

Construction Date: c.1925
Alteration/Additions Date: None known

Original Use: Customs clearing office
Current Use: Club Room

2. IDENTIFICATION OF CURRENT RISK

Statement of Risk: (a summary of the nature of the risk building on the three criteria below (degree/type/fate)(50 words maximum)

As of September 2004, this building lost its protection of being inside the Heritage Precinct area of Port Adelaide. The boundary of the Heritage Precinct was redefined to allow Wharf Shed 5 to be demolished, which in turn left the Radio Shack outside the boundary. This action has placed the only example of this type of building in the Port at risk of demolition.

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

Statement of Significance (50 words maximum)

This shack is the last remaining building of its type left in Port Adelaide. The Manifest clearing shacks were once a common sight and a hive of activity in the heyday of the Port. The loss of this building would be detrimental to the working history of the port. While the larger commercial buildings are of obvious importance it is the less obvious buildings that tell the every day stories of the working class.

Elaboration of Criteria as Applicable (if required to substantiate significance)

Aesthetic;	“A simple square verandahed building with verandah, walls of ripple iron and pyramidal gabled roof.” ¹
Historic;	An important link to our pre-automated past
Social;	It is a reminder of the days before computers when the cargo manifests were hand delivered and social interaction was common.
Representativeness;	Of a past way of life for the shipping industry.
Authenticity;	It is still in its original form. There has not been any structural additions to its original form
Rarity;	The last remaining building of its type.

4. CURRENT HERITAGE RECOGNITION; None.

The realignment of the State Heritage Area² has removed any protection this building once had. It is in immediate danger of demolition, as Shed 5 and the Wharf cafeteria have been demolished to allow future development.

5. DESIRED OUTCOME / VISION

The building to be restored and either used by the Radio Club, a community facility or a small business.

¹ McDougall & Vines *PORT ADELAIDE STATE HERITAGE AREA EXISTING CONDITION ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FEBRUARY 1992*

² NB - Boundary was altered by Plan Amendment gazetted 22 September 2004)

6. PHOTOGRAPHS



