

Heritage (Decision about Provisional Registration of the Pine Island Agglomerate, Greenway) Notice 2018

Notifiable Instrument NI2018–61

made under the

Heritage Act 2004, s32 (Decision about provisional registration) and s34 (Notice of decision about provisional registration)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Heritage (Decision about Provisional Registration of the Pine Island Agglomerate, Greenway) Notice 2018*.

2 Decision about provisional registration

On 8 February 2018, the ACT Heritage Council (the **Heritage Council**) decided not to provisionally register the Pine Island Agglomerate, part Block 1 Section 47 and part Block 16 Section 46, Greenway (the **Place**).

3 Description of the Place

The description of the Place is in the schedule.

4 Reason for the decision

The Heritage Council decided not to provisionally register the Place because it did not have heritage significance as it did not meet any of the heritage significance criteria in section 10 of the *Heritage Act 2004*, as set out in the schedule.

5 Date decision takes effect

The decision not to provisionally register the Place takes effect on 9 February 2018 (being the day after the Heritage Council made its decision in writing as set out in the schedule).

Jennifer O’Connell
Secretary (as delegate for)
ACT Heritage Council
8 February 2018



ACT Heritage Council

STATEMENT OF REASONS
DECISION NOT TO PROVISIONALLY REGISTER
PINE ISLAND AGGLOMERATE
PART BLOCK 1 SECTION 47 AND PART BLOCK 16 SECTION 46, GREENWAY
IN THE ACT HERITAGE REGISTER

In accordance with Section 32 of the *Heritage Act 2004*, the ACT Heritage Council has decided not to provisionally register Pine Island Agglomerate, Greenway. This Statement of Reasons provides an assessment of Pine Island Agglomerate, Greenway and finds that the place does not meet any of the criteria under s.10 of the *Heritage Act 2004*.

This statement refers to the location of the place as required in s.34(5)(b)(ii) of the *Heritage Act 2004*.

LOCATION OF THE PLACE

Pine Island Agglomerate, part Block 1 Section 47 and part Block 16 Section 46, Greenway. Located within the Murrumbidgee River corridor.

This section refers to the description of the place as required in s.34(5)(b)(iii) of the *Heritage Act 2004*. The boundary of the place and extent of features listed below is illustrated at Image 1.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLACE

Pine Island Agglomerate, consisting of the following attributes:

- The exposed agglomerate rock within and on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River in the area marked out in Image 1.

This statement refers to the Council's reasons for its decision as required in s.34(5)(b)(iv) of the *Heritage Act 2004*.

REASONS FOR DECISION

The Council is not satisfied on reasonable grounds that the place is likely to have heritage significance as defined by s.10 of the *Heritage Act 2004*.

This statement refers to the Council's assessment of the place against the heritage significance criteria as a part of its reasons for its decision as required in s.34(5)(b)(iv) of the *Heritage Act 2004*.

ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA

The Council's assessment against the criteria specified in s.10 of the *Heritage Act 2004* is as follows.

In assessing the heritage significance of Pine Island Agglomerate, Greenway, the Council considered:

- the Council's *Heritage Assessment Policy* (February 2015);
- information provided by a site inspection on 23 March 2015 by ACT Heritage; and
- the report by ACT Heritage titled, *Background Information Pine Island Agglomerate*, February 2018, containing photographs and information on history, description, condition and integrity.

Pursuant to s.10 of the *Heritage Act 2004*, a place or object has heritage significance if it satisfies one or more of the following criteria. Future research may alter the findings of this assessment.

(a) importance to the course or pattern of the ACT's cultural or natural history;

The Council has assessed Pine Island Agglomerate against criterion (a) and is satisfied that the place does not meet this criterion.

The Agglomerate represents a very minor process during the formation of the Laidlaw Volcanics and, while interesting, is not considered to be important in the course or pattern of the ACT's natural history.

When applied to the Pine Island Agglomerate, the significance factors used by the Geological Society of Australia (GSA) show a local level of significance. The contribution of the site to earth sciences is very low due to its very local level and being recognised on the Australian Stratigraphic Units Database only in an informal manner. The site is, in some respects, a rare and unusual example in the region, but the size and usefulness of the site limit its importance in this factor. The quality of the outcrop is quite good, but, again, the size and usefulness of the site limit its importance in this factor. The value as a reference or research site has been noted, however the place is limited in these factors as it is unusual rather than displaying classic characteristics that would prove to be most useful for research or reference. Finally, it is of a very small and localised nature and, while it may be aesthetically pleasing, it can hardly be classed as a spectacular landscape.

(b) has uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the ACT's cultural or natural history;

The Council has assessed Pine Island Agglomerate against criterion (b) and is satisfied that the place does not meet this criterion.

The Agglomerate is not considered to be an uncommon, rare or endangered aspect of the ACT's natural history. The Council's Heritage Assessment Policy for this criterion notes that the, "...aspect of history must have made a strong, noticeable or influential contribution to the ACT's...environment"; so while the Agglomerate is a small, distinct feature, it is but a small part of the Laidlaw Volcanics and cannot be considered to be a significant enough feature to meet the basic test of this criterion.

(c) potential to yield important information that will contribute to an understanding of the ACT's cultural or natural history;

The Council has assessed Pine Island Agglomerate against criterion (c) and is satisfied that the place does not meet this criterion.

While the Agglomerate may not be fully understood, its small size and being a minor part of the Laidlaw Volcanics make it unlikely to yield important information that will contribute to an understanding of the ACT's natural history. The geological value of the site has been noted as, "...a valuable scientific location, and its full interpretation remains uncertain." (Finallyson, 2012) However, as its interpretation remains uncertain, a claim to scientific value cannot be made as it has not been demonstrated. The likelihood of such a localised geological feature being able to contribute significantly to the earth sciences is low.

The other aspect of the site that has been noted to add to its geological value is as an educational locality, however as it is poorly understood and its applicability to earth sciences in the region or wider is uncertain, then its value for educational purposes is quite limited.

(d) importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural or natural places or objects;

The Council has assessed Pine Island Agglomerate against criterion (d) and is satisfied that the place does not meet this criterion.

The Agglomerate cannot be considered to have importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of natural place as its identification has not been fully resolved. Regardless, the very localised nature and small size of the feature, in geological terms, make it unlikely to result in it being considered to be important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of natural places.

(e) importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by the ACT community or a cultural group in the ACT;

The Council has assessed Pine Island Agglomerate against criterion (e) and is satisfied that the place does not meet this criterion.

The Agglomerate is part of a picturesque setting within the Murrumbidgee River corridor, however there is no evidence that it is considered to be important in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by the ACT community or a cultural group in the ACT.

(f) importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement for a particular period;

The Council has assessed Pine Island Agglomerate against criterion (f) and is satisfied that the place does not meet this criterion.

As a natural feature, this criterion does not apply to this place.

(g) has a strong or special association with the ACT community, or a cultural group in the ACT for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;

The Council has assessed Pine Island Agglomerate against criterion (g) and is satisfied that the place does not meet this criterion.

There is no evidence that the Agglomerate has a strong or special association with the ACT community, or a cultural group in the ACT, for social, cultural or spiritual reasons. Geologists may have an association with the place, but they are not considered to be a cultural group or representative of the wider ACT community, and the association they have with the place would be academic or professional and is unlikely to be for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.

(h) has a special association with the life or work of a person, or people, important to the history of the ACT.

The Council has assessed Pine Island Agglomerate against criterion (h) and is satisfied that the place does not meet this criterion.

There is no evidence that the Agglomerate has a special association with the life or work of a person, or people, important to the history of the ACT. The Geological Association of Australia and individual geologists may have an association with the place that the Council is not aware of, but the association they have with the place is likely to be academic or professional and is unlikely to be considered a special association, i.e. an association that is above the ordinary for the work that they do.

SITE PLAN



Image 1 Pine Island Agglomerate site boundary