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Submission on whether the entry of the Place **Former G.J. Coles & Company Adelaide Store** should be confirmed in the South Australian Heritage Register

A place is eligible for entry in the Heritage Register if it meets one or more of the criteria in Section 16(1) of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* (Act). Using the table below, please explain why you believe the place should or should not be entered into the Register, using the said criteria. The South Australian Heritage Council invites your submission regarding the entry of this place. For help in making a submission, please refer to the Guidelines for Interpreting State Heritage Criteria, available online: [Guidelines-for-Interpreting-State-Heritage-Criteria-2024.pdf](#)

Criteria

Criteria under the <i>Heritage Places Act 1993</i> , section 16(1)	Provide evidence or other information to support your submission
a) it demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history	The Coles building is one of the last remaining pre-war department stores and is pretty well intact. As such, it remains a reminder of those times when department stores were a major place for people to go shopping (preceding major suburban shopping centres) but also to experience their uniqueness due to their architecture and design. Such department stores offered the opportunity to wander around the 'open plan' areas visiting an array of different departments and even socialise in a cafeteria.

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<p>b) it has rare, uncommon or endangered qualities that are of cultural significance</p>	<p>Unlike remnants of contemporaneous department stores, the Coles building remains the last one in reasonably good condition. It is situated in the middle of our prime commercial shopping area of Adelaide and so is a prominent landmark and great example for the general public to see of pre-war architectural design. There are few such buildings left in Adelaide and so it is important to ensure that this one is protected so it will be there for future generations to understand the evolution of department stores which are an important part of our culture.</p> <p>Where else can one see in the middle of Adelaide such a prominent building displaying typical Art Deco design features.</p>
<p>c) it may yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the State's history, including its natural history</p>	
<p>d) it is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance</p>	
<p>e) it demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics</p>	<p>The exterior of the building, which is what most people see, is a great example of the Art Deco design with its prominent rounded corners, parallel 'speed' lines, lack of ornamentation apart from signage, large windows, steel and concrete construction limiting the number of columns and creating a floating effect. The building was designed in 1940 by a prominent Melbourne architect, Harry Norris and it is considered to have been architecturally and aesthetically advanced for its time.</p>
<p>f) it has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it</p>	

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(g) it has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance	
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Declaration

The South Australian Heritage Council is committed to transparency in relation to the listing process and wishes to enhance public confidence in the nomination, listing and decision-making process. The Council's policy is to make nominations for State heritage listing and submissions on provisional entries publicly available via webpage or to interested parties. The Council will adhere to the Privacy Principles and your name and personal details will not be released unless authorised or required under the Privacy Principles.

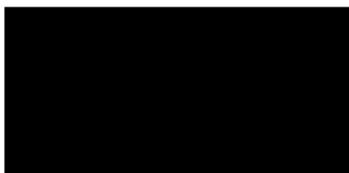
I **do** want my personal details to be released when this nomination / submission is published on the Department for Environment and Water's webpage, noting the above requirements.

I, Ron Sinclair wish to make a written representation regarding the provisional entry of **Former G.J. Coles & Company Adelaide Store**. The information I have provided is correct to my knowledge.

- I **support** the confirmation of this provisional entry.
 I **do not support** the confirmation of this provisional entry.

I **do not** wish to appear personally before the Council to make oral representations.

Signature:



Date: 16/02/2026

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Please attach any relevant documents and be aware that a heritage officer may contact you to discuss your submission.

Please provide your contact details here:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

This form must be received by 5pm on **22 March 2026**.

Please return completed submission form to the

Board and Policy Officer, South Australian Heritage Council

Via email: **DEWHeritage@sa.gov.au**

Or via post: **GPO Box 1047, Adelaide SA 5001**