

South Australian Heritage Council

Submission on whether the entry of **Strait Gate Lutheran Church** 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, also available online: [Guidelines-for-Interpreting-State-Heritage-Criteria-Final-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	N/A
b) it has rare, uncommon or endangered qualities that are of cultural significance	N/A
c) it may yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the State's history, including its natural history	N/A

d) it is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance	N/A
e) it demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics	Support the assessment of the South Australian Heritage Council. See attached further comments.
f) it has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it	N/A
(g) it has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance	Support the assessment of the South Australian Heritage Council. See attached further comments.

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 / ~~I do not~~ 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.

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wish to make a written representation regarding the provisional entry of **Strait Gate Lutheran Church**. 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~~ **I do not** wish to appear personally before the Council to make oral representations.

Signature: _____ Refer attached letter _____ Date: _____

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: _____ Contact details within attached letter _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

This form must be received by 5pm on **7 August 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**

29 May 2026

Board and Policy Officer

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The Barossa Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for providing information from the South Australian Heritage Council pertaining to the provisional entry of Strait Gate Lutheran Church, 412 Light Pass Road, Light Pass as a State Heritage Place (SHP) in the South Australian Heritage Register to be known as "Strait Gate Lutheran Church (Single-storey brick church with mezzanine and stone belltower)".

This submission forms an attachment to the formal submission form.

After careful review of the proposed provisional SHP listing, Council supports the broader proposal and detailed assessment provided in accordance with Section 16(1) of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* as it seeks to:

- Elevate the 'bell tower' from Local Heritage Place (LHP) to new SHP listing; and
- Include the church building and its associated features.

Council has identified the following additional feedback for consideration:

- The history references the adjacent SHP, Pastor Recliner's Cottage, and the existing manse constructed in the 1970's, however seems to be silent on the existing building to the south of the Church and behind the Manse. This is believed to be known as the 'Old Mission House' and that it played a not insignificant role in spreading the Lutheran gospel throughout the far north of South Australia and into the Northern Territory. The Old Mission House seems to reflect the broader development of the Lutheran Church in Light Pass and its outreach.

The proximity of the Old Mission House to the Church must have had some impact on the proposed design of the Church.

- It should be noted the Old Mission House building was proposed for demolition through a development application in 2010, and again in 2019, with both applications being subsequently refused (or withdrawn) based on unacceptable heritage impacts identified by Heritage SA through their formal referral response.

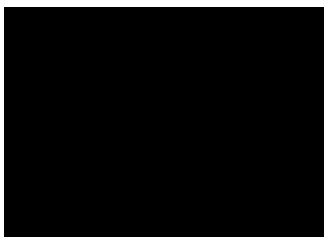
The referral response in the 2019 application did make mention the Old Mission House may meet criteria for a LHP. Council does not consider the inclusion of a LHP amongst a broader site of state heritage significance as being an appropriate measure to enable its protection given its connection to the broader state heritage importance of the site.

- Council sees greater efficiency and consistency can be achieved through the holistic heritage management of the overall site. Therefore, Council suggests greater consideration to the following:
 - o Whether the Mission House should be further considered/assessed to form part of the proposed state heritage listing;
 - o Whether the heritage listings of the site should be revised to include a broader heritage listing to include the Church, Bell Tower, Pastor Rechner's Cottage, Mission House and graveyard.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission in response to the Provisional Entry of Strait Gate Lutheran Church into the South Australian Heritage Register.

If you have any queries to the above or if you would like to discuss in greater detail, please feel free to contact

[Redacted contact information]



Chief Executive Officer