

SA Heritage Register

Submission form

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Submission on whether the entry of **Australian Education Union Building (Raggatt House; SAIT Building)** 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 provide your evidence or further information to explain why you believe the place does or does not meet said criteria. For help in making a submission, please refer to the Guidelines for Interpreting State Heritage Criteria (**Attachment E**) and 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 why you believe criteria applies or does not apply to this place
(a) it demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history	<p>South Australian Institute of Teachers Building (aka Raggatt House) represents the progressive social and architectural history of South Australia in general and the suburb of Parkside in particular.</p> <p>The value placed on education in South Australia is exemplified in Parkside and reflected in Raggatt House. From the mid-nineteenth century, the streets adjacent to Raggatt House were home to numerous schools, public and private, religious and secular, gender segregated and co-ed. Raggatt House brings together that concern for education with the professionalization of teaching, acknowledgement of the importance of teacher development, and recognition of the rights of teachers to fair working conditions. South Australia has a proud union history and this is embodied in Raggatt House (https://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/union-movement-south-australia-a-brief-history).</p>

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(b) it has rare, uncommon or endangered qualities that are of cultural significance	
(c) it may yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the State's history, including its natural history	
(d) it is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance	
(e) it demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics.	
(f) it has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it	<p>Raggatt House should be considered in the broader context of the suburb of Parkside. In contrast to suburbs like Colonel Light Gardens which offer a unique but uniform built form, Parkside is a palimpsest of architectural styles from the past 150 years. These range from the modest Victorian era miner's cottages to the Edwardian era churches and Art Deco apartment buildings. Parkside is largely known for its nineteenth and early twentieth century social and architectural history. Raggatt House is especially significant as it moves the suburb into the modernist era with a rare high quality local example of the brutalist style. It also provides an important contrast to the nearby Arkaba Hotel, built in the same period and designed by well-known architects Newell Platten and Robert Disckson, but awarded for its very different 'intimate' approach and use of 'natural materials.'</p>

(g) it has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance	Well known Adelaide architectural firm Cheeseman Doley Neighbour & Raffin Pty Ltd designed the building and it was built in conjunction with structural engineers Barnes & Associates. Keith Neighbour was a highly regarded and highly awarded architect. He studied in the United States and brought new architectural ideas into the South Australia both as a correspondent for local newspapers and on his return to the state. https://www.unisa.edu.au/contentassets/875d9bf8bb2e4c3a946549a66a65a7c0/neighbour-2023.pdf
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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.

I  wish to make a written representation regarding the provisional entry of **Australian Education Union Building (Raggatt House; SAIT Building)**. 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: 1 June 2025

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 **4 June 2025**.

Please return completed submission form to the
Board and Policy Officer, South Australian Heritage Council

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