

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 |
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| (a) it demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history | While the Australian Education Union itself certainly is of historical importance in South Australia's history, and that of Public education, this is demonstrated by its people, not the building in which some of its work has been undertaken. |
| (b) it has rare, uncommon or endangered qualities that are of cultural significance | Representatives of the traditional custodians of the land on which the building stands, the Kurna People, have been extensively consulted with regard to potential changes to the current structure, and support it's redevelopment with their ongoing input. Given historical occurrences on their lands without consultation or inclusion in any decision-making, the only cultural significance it currently holds for the Kurna people is negative and this can be addressed in some way |

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| | through the involvement of the Kaurna People in redevelopment of the land at 163 Greenhill Rd. |
| (c) it may yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the State's history, including its natural history | <p>All materials and resources that hold significant information that may contribute to understanding Union and Public Education history can be relocated and enhanced in a new building development. They are not physically part of the current building.</p> <p>Rather than being lost, the historical aspects of the AEU SA Branch will be more accessible and properly housed to preserve their value and education potential in a new building.</p> |
| (d) it is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance | |

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| (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>There has been extensive consultation with the Kurna People with regard to the building and its potential for redevelopment. Kurna People involved have strongly supported this and have been included in planning to ensure that important cultural aspects of the area are maintained and enhanced in any development proposals.</p> <p>The Union is its members. AEU members have also been consulted. AEU Branch Council (the supreme decision making body under AEU Rules and consisting of democratically elected members from across the state) has been and will continue to be involved in decisions regarding their building. Through their Branch Council delegates, all members have a say in their premises and its cultural and practical significance to them, and the way it can and must contribute to the function and growth of their Union. Branch Council, and therefore the members, support progressing the redevelopment of the building.</p> |
| (g) it has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance | <p>The importance of the AEU, decisions made and events held are about the people – not the building.</p> <p>Thousands of members have participated in the work of our Union in many forms and locations across South Australia. Plans for the redevelopment include a specific focus on not only better meeting the aims of our Union, but showing due respect for and celebrations of our history and people of historical significance across the years of SAIT and the AEU SA Branch.</p> <p>While it is yet to be made public at the request of the family involved, I'm aware of a bequest and plans to celebrate a very significant person in the history of SAIT/AEU SA and South Australia, with the inclusion of a space to honor them and their work. This will only happen in a newly developed AEU space.</p> |

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.

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

I do wish to appear personally before the Council to make oral representations.

Signature:  _____
2025 _____

Date: 30 May

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: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

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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