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Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation

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Dear Sir/Madam

650289 Gympie Fire Station – Submission under section 41 of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992

I refer to your notice dated 17 July 2026 of the application to the list the former Gympie Fire Station (HRN: 650289) (Property) in the Queensland heritage register.

The State of Queensland, through this department, is the registered owner of the Property. The department opposes the application to enter the Property in the Queensland heritage register. The department's view is that the Property does not satisfy any of the cultural heritage criteria in section 35 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*. The reasons for this are set out below.

In addressing whether the Property satisfies the cultural heritage criteria, regard has been had to the document titled *Assessing cultural heritage significance: Using the cultural heritage criteria* (October 2017) (Guideline).

Criterion A: The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history

The application to list the property in the Queensland heritage register asserts as follows:

The Gympie Fire Station is important in demonstrating the evolution of fire services in regional Queensland. It illustrates the transition from early volunteer brigades (established 1875) and modest timber stations (1902) to permanent, purpose-built masonry infrastructure in the interwar period. The 1940 station reflects growing government investment in professional emergency services outside metropolitan Brisbane. Later works including in 1948 and 1972 demonstrate the evolution of safety standards and the pattern of growth in regional Queensland.

It is noted that the threshold indicators for cultural heritage significance relevant to Criterion A set out in the Guideline are earliness, representativeness, regional importance, distinctiveness, exceptionality and rarity.

Importance, in the context of the cultural heritage criteria, means beyond the commonplace but not so as to require something out of the ordinary or exceptional.

Masonry fire stations in regional Queensland are represented in the Queensland heritage register. The Dalby Fire Station (HRN: 602754) is a masonry fire station that was constructed in 1935, prior to the construction of the Gympie Fire Station in 1940. Even if it could be said that the design of the Property influenced the design of other regional

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fire stations (which is not evidence from the application), that would still not demonstrate importance for the purposes of criterion A.

Accordingly, it could not reasonably be concluded that the Gympie Fire Station is an important early example of the development of masonry fire stations in regional Queensland.

Further, there is no basis for concluding that the Gympie Fire Station is exceptional.

Criterion B: The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage

The application to list the property in the Queensland heritage register asserts as follows:

The Gympie Fire Station demonstrates rare aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage. Substantial two-storey masonry fire stations were uncommon in regional Queensland during the interwar period; most remained modest timber structures. The Gympie Fire Station is one of the earliest surviving examples of Interwar Functionalist style in a regional Queensland fire station, with no earlier comparable example identified, as well as demonstrating the adoption of more permanent masonry construction in regional centres.

The Guideline states that criterion B is interpreted as a place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage if that place illustrates in its fabric past human activities or achievements, including a way of life, custom, process, function, land use, design or some other activity or achievement which is no longer practised, is at risk of being lost, or is of exceptional achievement.

The application asserts that the Property demonstrates the adoption of more permanent masonry construction of regional fire stations. It could not be suggested that this is a land use or activity that is no longer practised and at risk of being lost. Accordingly, criterion B is not satisfied.

Criterion C: The place has potential to yield important information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history

The application to list the property does not assert that this criterion is a basis to list the property. Accordingly, this criterion is not addressed in this submission.

Criterion D: the place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places

The application to list the property in the Queensland heritage register asserts as follows:

The Gympie Fire Station is a good example of a purpose-built interwar fire station, retaining its original engine room, superintendent's quarters, observation tower and staff dormitories. Subsequent repairs and additions including the 1948 repairs and 1972 additions demonstrate the continued investment and growth of a regional fire brigade.

The Guideline specifies the threshold indicators for this criterion are intactness, earliness, rarity and exceptionality.

The Guideline states that a place may be significant if it exemplifies or illustrates, amongst other things:

- a way of life that has made a notable contribution to the pattern or evolution of Queensland's history;
- a process that has made a strong contribution to the pattern or evolution of Queensland's history, a process may be industrial, agricultural, extractive or some other type of activity and

the principal characteristics of the process may include elements of the landscape, buildings, structures and associated furniture, fittings, machinery and other artefacts that survive at a place;

- a land use that has made a strong contribution to the pattern and evolution of Queensland's history and heritage; or
- a function that has been an important part of the pattern of Queensland's history.

Even if it is accepted that a regional fire station is a class of cultural place, it could not be said that the Property is important. It has not made a strong contribution to the pattern or evolution of Queensland's history.

The Guideline goes on to state that usually; to be a state heritage significance, a high level of intactness must be demonstrated. It is not possible to conclude that the Property is intact, given the application refers to additions to the Property made in 1972.

In 2004, the Property was the subject of a significant renovation and refurbishment to support service delivery and office accommodation, such that the Property no longer has the obvious form and layout of the original fire station. Details of the refurbishment include:

- on the first floor:
 - dado rails were removed from the meeting room;
 - some walls were removed and new walls inserted elsewhere on the floor;
 - the original room configuration has changed to be primarily an office space;
 - the personal amenities have been renovated and are not original;
 - some internal doors were removed and replaced;
- on the ground floor:
 - there was a substantial renovation with the installation of recline rooms and a recreation room;
 - dado rails were removed from walls;
 - the personal amenities were renovated and are no longer original;
 - a new engine bay was installed;
 - internal doors were removed; and
 - there was a complete reconfiguration of rooms to meet contemporary accommodation needs.

Enclosed is a plan depicting the changes to the Property that occurred in 2004.

The Property is now no longer used as a fire and rescue station. The Property is not important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of an interwar masonry fire station in regional Queensland. Accordingly, criterion D is not satisfied.

Criterion E: The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

The application to list the property in the Queensland heritage register asserts as follows:

The Gympie Fire Station is architecturally distinct from earlier masonry stations such as Albion and Dalby. The building is an excellent example of Interwar Functionalist architecture. Its face-brick walls, simple geometry, curved tower, motifs and prominent ridge-top location makes it a landmark building in Gympie.

The Guideline states that criterion E is interpreted as follows:

A place is important because of its aesthetic significance if that place exhibits sensual qualities that can be judged against various ideals including beauty, picturesqueness, evocativeness,

expressiveness, landmark presence, streetscape contribution, symbolism or some other quality of nature or human endeavour, to be of significance.

Even if it is considered that the Property has visual and artistic merit, it does not follow that the Property is beautiful, had qualities that inspired an emotional response or had expressive attributes of an interwar fire station. Accordingly, criterion E is not satisfied.

Criterion F: The place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period

The application to list the property does not assert that this criterion is a basis to list the property. Accordingly, this criterion is not addressed in this submission.

Criterion G: the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

The application to list the property in the Queensland heritage register asserts as follows:

The Gympie Fire Station has a strong and ongoing association with the Gympie community and the fire service since 1875. The current fire brigade has continuously served the Gympie community since its inception in 1900. It continues to operate as one of Queensland's oldest active fire stations and is valued by firefighters and residents alike. Through the involvement of community members in the Gympie Fire Brigade Board, the fabric of the building has been significantly influenced by their decisions.

The Guideline states as follows:

Criterion G deals with places that are in the public domain and for which the community exhibits strong or special feelings or attachment. They can be places that are in public ownership (such as halls and schools), or places in private ownership that the community has been encouraged to identify with and to use, such as department stores and picture theatres. They can be places where people gather for spiritual reasons (such as churches) or places of recreation and resort (such as sporting fields or swimming pools). They can be places associated with community commemoration, such as war memorials or a physical landmark.

The Guidelines indicate that a strong or special association should be measurable by various means including long-term use, celebratory use, commemorative use, spiritual use, symbolic use and community action. A place may be significant if it is:

- important to the community as a landmark, marker or signature;
- a place that offers a valued customary experience;
- a popular meeting or gathering place;
- associated with events that have a profound effect on a particular community or cultural group;
- a place of ritual or ceremony;
- symbolically representing the past in the present; or
- a place of essential community function leading to a special attachment.

Indicators of the threshold of the significance include the length of association, the extent and degree or demonstrated community association, and the existence of a significant former association.

The application does not demonstrate that the Property has any such association with the Gympie community. Accordingly, this criterion is not satisfied.

Criterion H: The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance IN Queensland's history

The application to list the property does not assert that this criterion is a basis to list the property. Accordingly, this criterion is not addressed in this submission.

Conclusion

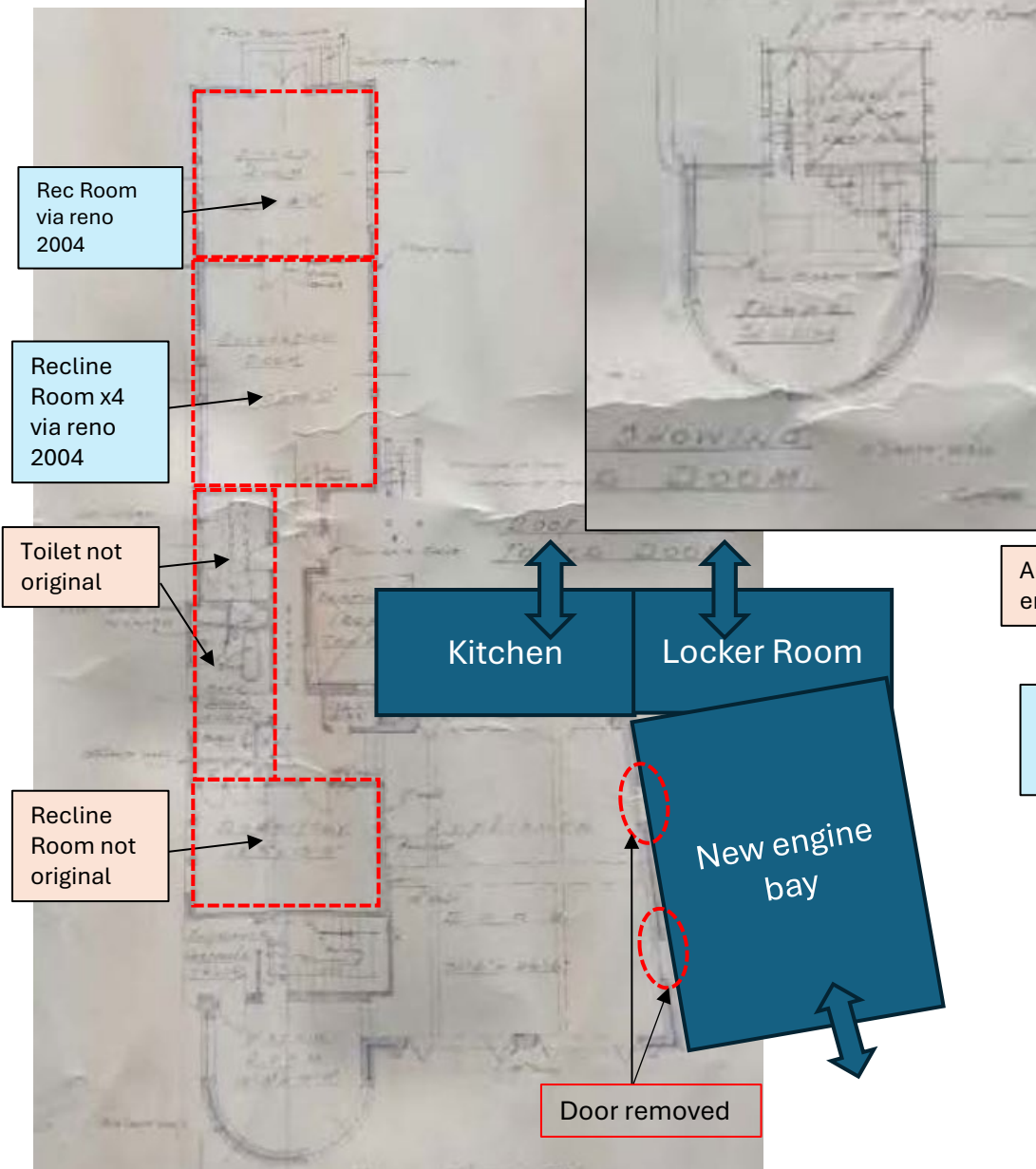
Having regard to the above, the Queensland Heritage Council should conclude that the Property does not satisfy any of the cultural heritage criteria in section 35 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*. Consequently, the Property should not be listed in the Queensland Heritage Register.

Should you have any queries, please contact Adam Green, Executive Director, Asset Services Directorate on phone [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED].

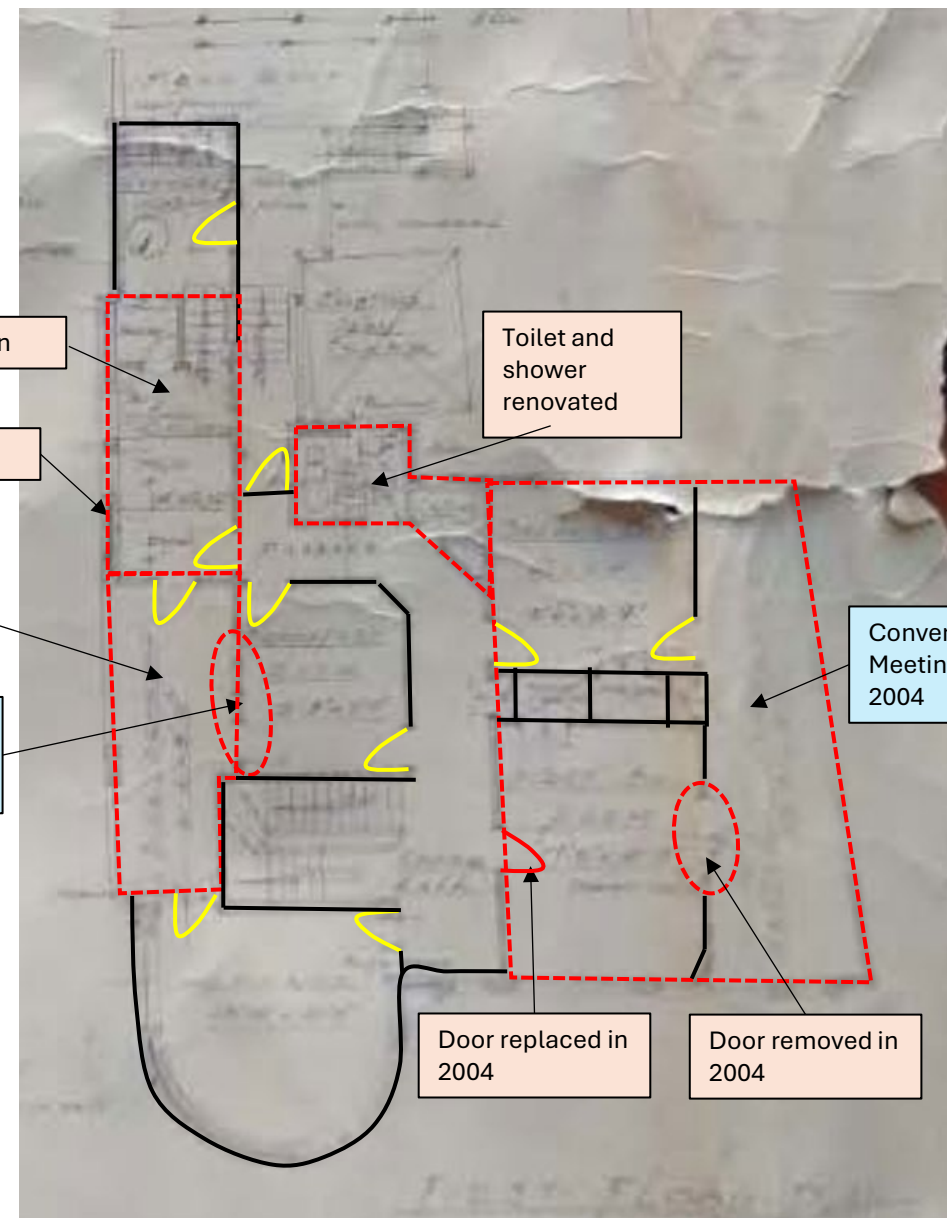
Yours sincerely

Adam Green
Executive Director
Asset Services Directorate

Top Floor - Tower



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First Floor

10 August 2026

Planning & Heritage Branch
Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Email: heritage@detsi.qld.gov.au

Ref: Gympie Fire Station – 6 Bligh Street, Gympie – Queensland Heritage Register application

Dear [REDACTED] or to whom it may concern,

The National Trust of Australia (Queensland) (NTAQ) understand that an application has been received by the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) to enter Gympie Fire Station into the Queensland Heritage Register.

The NTAQ understands that the application identifies heritage criteria a, b, d, e and g as being applicable to the proposed place. In particular, the NTAQ understand that the application notes that the Gympie Fire Station:

- is important in demonstrating the evolution of fire services in regional Queensland;
- demonstrates rare aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage;
- is a good example of a purpose-built interwar fire station in Queensland;
- is important because of its aesthetic significance; and
- has a strong and ongoing association with the surrounding community.

Having reviewed the application, along with the additional attachments, the NTAQ believes the Gympie Fire Station application has presented evidence which demonstrates that the proposed place is of state-level heritage significance and is suitable for entry in the Queensland Heritage Register.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Heritage

From: Bruce Devereaux [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 6 August 2026 6:15 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Heritage Submission - Gympie Fire Station – HRN 650289

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Dear Chief Executive,

I am writing a heritage submission under section 42 of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992 in relation to the application for entry of the Gympie Fire Station (HRN 650289), 6 Bligh Street, Gympie, in the Queensland Heritage Register.

After reviewing the application for entry, it is my view that this place does satisfy cultural heritage criterion A, B, D, E and G under section 35 of the Act.

As a past local councillor for the Gympie Regional Council, and indeed for the division this building proudly sits in, I've been watching as the new premises were being built and pondering the future of the rather impressive old building.

Sadly for our town, many of the oldest homes & structures were made with wood and not brick or stone, meaning over the decades they've been subject to fires, wood rot, termites, poor maintenance, and, in the case of many of the original structures of our central Mary St & surrounds, irregular flooding. Brick & stone offer a few advantages for longevity.

However the big threat to old structures no longer fulfilling their original purpose are developers, even those who are well intentioned.

What this structure needs & deserves, having served our region so very well since being built, is protection to ensure, whatever it's future purpose, it is handled with care and respect for it's past, and the relationship our residents have with it. By placing it on the register now I feel we actually show respect to any future owners or custodians of the structure, because they will go into the arrangement with a clear idea of what is required, as opposed to having additional restrictions or conditions imposed which they weren't subject to at the time of transfer.

I've known many firemen over my time in Gympie, and have been witness to several homes lost to fire on & around my own road. The hard work which has originated from this old station saved neighbouring homes from being added to the misery, and enabled home owners who lost their homes to salvage something from the ashes.

To honour their efforts, to respect our first responders, and to preserve the odd beauty of the structure & it's ties to our growing town, I would be relieved to have some assurance of it's future through your authority.

I respectfully request that the Queensland Heritage Council approve the entry of the Gympie Fire Station in the Queensland Heritage Register.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully,

Bruce Devereaux

A grey rectangular box redacting the signature of Bruce Devereaux.

6th August 2016

Heritage

From: Amanda Finch [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 10 August 2026 2:02 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Heritage Register Number (HRN) 650289 - Gympie Fire Station
Categories: Hilary Davies

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Hi

I am writing to support the application for Heritage Register Number (HRN) 650289 - Gympie Fire Station - located at 6 Bligh Street, Gympie:

CRITERION A the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history

The Gympie Fire Station is important in demonstrating the evolution of fire services in regional Queensland. It illustrates the transition from early volunteer brigades (established 1875) and modest timber stations (1902) to permanent, purpose-built masonry infrastructure in the interwar period. The 1940 station reflects growing government investment in professional emergency services outside metropolitan Brisbane. Later works including in 1948 and 1972 demonstrate the evolution of safety standards and the pattern of growth in regional Queensland.

CRITERION B the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage

The Gympie Fire Station demonstrates rare aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage. Substantial two-storey masonry fire stations were uncommon in regional Queensland during the interwar period; most remained modest timber structures. The Gympie Fire Station is one of the earliest surviving examples of Interwar Functionalist style in a regional Queensland fire station, with no earlier comparable example identified, as well as demonstrating the adoption of more permanent masonry construction in regional centres.

CRITERION C the place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history

Not applicable

CRITERION D the place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places

The Gympie Fire Station is a good example of a purpose-built interwar fire station, retaining its original engine room, superintendent's quarters, observation tower and staff dormitories. Subsequent repairs and additions including the 1948 repairs and 1972 additions demonstrate the continued investment and growth of a regional fire brigade.

CRITERION E the place is important because of its aesthetic significance

The Gympie Fire Station is architecturally distinct from earlier masonry stations such as Albion and Dalby. The building is an excellent example of Interwar Functionalist architecture. Its face-brick walls, simple geometry, curved tower, motifs and prominent ridge-top location makes it a landmark building in Gympie.

CRITERION F the place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period

Not applicable

CRITERION G the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

The Gympie Fire Station has a strong and ongoing association with the Gympie community and the fire service since 1875. The current fire brigade has continuously served the Gympie community since its inception in 1900. It continues to operate as one of Queensland's oldest active fire stations and is valued by firefighters and residents alike. Through the involvement of community members in the Gympie Fire Brigade Board, the fabric of the building has been significantly influenced by their decisions.

CRITERION H the place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in Queensland's history

Not applicable

We look forward to receiving a favourable response to the application.

Kind regards Mandy

Amanda Finch

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Heritage

From: Bob Fredman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 17 August 2026 5:25 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Re: Gympie Fire Station HRN 650289

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Thanks Heritage Unit

Could you please note for your assessors that it responds to criteria e & f.

Bob F.

Sent from my iPad

On 17 Aug 2026, at 4:47 pm, Heritage <Heritage@detsi.qld.gov.au> wrote:

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon, Bob.

Thank you for your response regarding the application to enter Gympie Fire Station (Place ID: 650289) in the Queensland heritage register.

Section 42 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992* (the Heritage Act) states a heritage submission for an application must be made *on the basis that the place does or does not satisfy the cultural heritage criteria*.

To make a valid heritage submission which complies with the Heritage Act, *reference must be made in it somewhere, to the cultural heritage criteria considered applicable*.

The heritage register application can be viewed at

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/heritage/register/application> .

If you wish to amend or re-submit your response in line with the above advice, the submission period for this application closes at the end of today, 17 August 2026.

The cultural heritage criteria are listed in s.35 of the Heritage Act and reproduced below:

- a) the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history;
- b) the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage;

- c) the place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history;
- d) the place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places;
- e) the place is important because of its aesthetic significance;
- f) the place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period;
- g) the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;
- h) the place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in Queensland's history.

Further information on the Queensland cultural heritage criteria can be found in the department's guideline on 'Assessing cultural heritage significance' (accessible at this link: [Guideline: Assessing cultural heritage significance – Using the cultural heritage criteria \(https://www.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0030/66693/using-the-criteria.pdf\)](https://www.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0030/66693/using-the-criteria.pdf)).

Kind regards,
Heritage Unit

From: Bob Fredman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 17 August 2026 4:38 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Gympie Fire Station HRN 650289

I wish to declare my support for the state heritage listing of the Gympie fire station. I am aware of the submission by Mr Jack Carr and thoroughly agree with his dissertation.

My opinion is based on my learnings and experiences from over 20 years as Chairman of the Gympie Branch of the National Trust, together with long term membership (until retiring) of Gympie Regional Councils Heritage Committee, and as a project manager on various Council building restoration projects over 30 years. Further, I wish to provide this further information:

The design is unique in this region. It comes from the late Deco period, by which time the original Deco style had morphed into what was sometimes known as at the time as Art Moderne. These newer designs were characterised big curves, polished surfaces, and the use of metals.

The fire station is classic Art Moderne and it would be so easy to disrupt these lines if the building was put to uncontrolled commercial use.

I am a great believer in adaptive reuse and was the project manager for the upgrading the Lands Office, Old National Bank building and the Gympie Railway Station for that purpose.

I suggest that appropriate heritage controls as enabled by State Heritage Register listing will ensure everyone enjoys and appreciates the fire station for many years to come.

Bob Fredman
Sent from my iPad

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Heritage

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Sent: Wednesday, 5 August 2026 2:13 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Submission regarding 650289 Gympie Fire Station

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Submission regarding the proposed State heritage listing of the former Gympie Fire Station (650289)

Introduction

The former Gympie Fire Station is an important part of the region's history and the development of fire services in Queensland. As one of the older fire stations in regional Queensland, the building has served the Gympie community for many decades and undoubtedly possesses historical and cultural significance.

While there is merit in recognising and protecting places of heritage value, the practical implications of State heritage listing must also be carefully considered. The completion of the new Gympie South Fire and Rescue Station, marks the end of the former station's operational role and brings renewed attention to the future of the original building.

Heritage listing precedents

There is clear precedent for fire stations being recognised on the Queensland Heritage Register. Both the former Redcliffe Fire Station and the current Dalby Fire Station have been listed because of their historical and cultural significance.

The former Redcliffe Fire Station demonstrates that heritage-listed fire service buildings can continue to serve the community under local government management. Today, this is managed by the City of Moreton Bay.

The Dalby Fire Station remains one of Queensland's oldest operational regional fire stations, and its listing acknowledges not only the significance of the original building but also the important role that fire stations have played in the development of regional Queensland.

These examples demonstrate that fire stations can possess heritage values worthy of State recognition and protection. It could therefore be argued that the former Gympie Fire Station warrants similar recognition under the Queensland Heritage Act 1992.

Existing local heritage protection

The former Gympie Fire Station is already protected through existing local heritage controls, which provide oversight of any future redevelopment or demolition proposals, unlike Dalby which does not have local protections.

In practical terms, the Queensland Fire Department would be unable to demolish the building without the support and approval of Gympie Regional Council, although there are some exemptions provisions applied to work carried by the State under the Planning Regulation 2017.

Notwithstanding, I doubt that the Queensland Fire Department will act unfaithfully as they would have to act lawfully and obey the relevant laws and government policies. I believe that demolishing such culturally and heritage-significant building would be very unwise and not in the best interest of the government.

While State heritage listing may provide an additional layer of protection, it is uncertain whether the benefits would extend significantly beyond those already afforded by the existing local heritage provisions.

Long-term maintenance, ownership and future management

The principal concern regarding State heritage listing relates to the long-term ownership, maintenance and conservation of the former Gympie Fire Station. Although the building may be worthy of protection, it remains unclear who would ultimately bear responsibility for the costs and obligations associated with preserving the site.

While the building appears to remain in reasonable condition externally, the condition of the interior is largely unknown. Given the age of the structure, any repairs, restoration works or upgrades required to preserve the building could prove to be substantial and expensive. The extent of any internal deterioration may not become apparent until detailed assessments are undertaken.

Importantly, State heritage listing does not, in itself, guarantee funding or financial assistance for conservation works. Additional protection under the Queensland Heritage Register may therefore impose further obligations and constraints without providing certainty as to how necessary maintenance and restoration works will be funded.

It is also noted that the Queensland Fire Department has an established practice of disposing of former fire station sites once replacement facilities have been constructed and commissioned. With the completion of the new Gympie South Fire and Rescue Station, the future ownership and use of the former station will need to be determined.

Unlike the former Redcliffe Fire Station, which is now managed by the City of Moreton Bay, there is currently no clear pathway for the long-term management of the former Gympie Fire Station. Uncertainty remains as to whether the site will remain in public ownership, be transferred to another government entity, or be sold for alternative use.

Although State heritage listing may provide an additional layer of protection, it may also create uncertainty regarding future maintenance responsibilities, adaptive reuse opportunities and the allocation of funding for conservation works. Consideration should therefore be given to whether the existing local heritage protections already provide sufficient safeguards without imposing further uncertainty on the building's future management and preservation.

Conclusion

While the former Gympie Fire Station is undoubtedly a place of historical significance and there is precedent for comparable fire stations to be included on the Queensland Heritage Register, the building appears to remain in reasonable condition externally, the condition of the interior and the extent of any future conservation works are uncertain.

The existing local heritage protections already provide substantial safeguards against demolition or inappropriate redevelopment. In the absence of a clear plan identifying who will maintain, fund and manage the building into the future, additional State-level protection may create further uncertainty without necessarily delivering meaningful additional benefits.

For these reasons, careful consideration should be given to whether the current local heritage protections are sufficient to preserve the former Gympie Fire Station while providing greater certainty for its future management and use.

Based on the above, I **support** the proposed listing in the Queensland Heritage Register in principle as it meets the following cultural heritage criteria as per section 35 of the Heritage Act, and subject to a clear vision on the building's future management and preservation.

- a) the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history;
- c) the place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history;
- e) the place is important because of its aesthetic significance;
- f) the place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period;
- h) the place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in Queensland's history.

Regards,

[Redacted signature block]

P.S I request my personal information to be redacted and reminded private for the purposes of the submission process.

Heritage

From: Scott Kay [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 9 August 2026 10:20 AM
To: Heritage
Subject: Heritage Submission - Gympie Fire Station – HRN 650289
Categories: Hilary Davies

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Dear Chief Executive,

I am writing a heritage submission under section 42 of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992 in relation to the application for entry of the Gympie Fire Station (HRN 650289), 6 Bligh Street, Gympie, in the Queensland Heritage Register.

After reviewing the application for entry, it is my view that this place does satisfy cultural heritage criterion A, B, D, E and G under section 35 of the Act.

(Optional) My personal connection with the place:

It was built by my great grandfather I feel a strong family connection to this site.

I respectfully request that the Queensland Heritage Council approve the entry of the Gympie Fire Station in the Queensland Heritage Register.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully,

Your Name: Scott Kay

Your Address: [REDACTED]

Today's Date: 9/8/2026

Heritage

From: Sharon O'Brien [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 20 July 2026 10:52 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Heritage Submission - Gympie Fire Station – HRN 650289

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After reviewing the application for entry, it is my view that this place does satisfy cultural heritage criterion A, B, D, E and G under section 35 of the Act.

As a long term resident of Gympie I personally think it is very important to ensure that local heritage buildings are protected for future generations.

I respectfully request that the Queensland Heritage Council approve the entry of the Gympie Fire Station in the Queensland Heritage Register.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully,
Sharon O'Brien

[REDACTED]
20 July 2026

Heritage

From: Mervyn Strack [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 15 August 2026 5:28 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Heritage Submission - Gympie Fire Station - HRN650289

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After reviewing the application for entry, it is my view that this place does satisfy cultural heritage criteria A,B,D,E and G under section 35 of the Act.

My personal connection with the place:

I was employed by the Gympie Fire Brigade from 1968 - 2011 (43 yrs)

This building has many Memories for myself and family,

I respectfully request that the Queensland Heritage Council approve the entry of the Gympie Fire Station in the Queensland Heritage Register.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours faithfully,
Mervyn A Strack

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Heritage

From: Adon Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 6 August 2026 7:21 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Heritage submission Gympie Fire Station - HRN 650289.

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Dear Chief Executive,

I am writing to make a submission under section 42 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992* in support of the application for the entry of the Gympie Fire Station (HRN 650289), located at 6 Bligh Street, Gympie, in the Queensland Heritage Register.

Having reviewed the application for entry, I firmly believe that the Gympie Fire Station satisfies cultural heritage criteria A, B, D, E and G under section 35 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*. The station is of exceptional cultural and historical significance to Queensland, representing not only an enduring example of the State's firefighting history and public architecture, but also its longstanding contribution to the safety, resilience and identity of the Gympie community.

My connection to the Gympie Fire Station is both professional and deeply personal. I have had the privilege of serving as a firefighter from this station, an experience that I regard with immense pride. It has been an honour to serve the Gympie community from a place that has supported generations of firefighters in protecting lives and property. The station embodies the values of courage, dedication and public service, and I consider it a privilege to have been part of its continuing history.

The station also holds profound personal significance for my family. My wife's great-grandfather was the builder of the Gympie Fire Station, creating a lasting family connection to the building that spans generations. Knowing that I have both served within its walls and that my family played a role in its construction gives me a unique appreciation of its heritage value and reinforces my commitment to seeing it preserved.

Beyond my own connection, the Gympie Fire Station has long been far more than a functional emergency services facility. For generations, it has been the heart of many firefighting families and a landmark within the Gympie community. It has witnessed countless acts of service, sacrifice and compassion, and has stood as a symbol of reassurance during times of crisis. Its significance extends well beyond its physical structure; it represents the collective history, dedication and spirit of the people who have served there and the community they have protected.

The preservation of the Gympie Fire Station through inclusion in the Queensland Heritage Register will ensure that its historical, architectural and social significance is formally recognised and safeguarded for future generations. Protecting this place honours not only the building itself, but also the many firefighters, families, builders and community members whose stories are intrinsically linked to it.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Queensland Heritage Council to approve the entry of the Gympie Fire Station in the Queensland Heritage Register.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration of this submission.

Yours faithfully,

Adon Taylor

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6 August 2026

Heritage

From: Brett Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 27 July 2026 2:23 AM
To: Heritage
Subject: Subject: Heritage Submission - Gympie Fire Station – HRN 650289

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Dear Chief Executive,

My name is Brett Watson and I am researcher and social historian, as well as having been involved with the Gympie Gold Mining Museum & Historical Society, and Gympie Family History Society, for many years now, especially gathering, preserving and indexing historical fire, ambulance and police records.

I am writing this heritage submission in relation to the application for entry HRN 650289 of the Gympie Fire Station (6 Bligh Street, Gympie) under section 42 of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992, in the Queensland Heritage Register, and after reviewing the application for entry, it is my view that this place does satisfy cultural heritage criterion A, B, D, E and G under section 35 of the Act.

Preserving our heritage buildings, as well as our cultural heritage, the Gympie Fire Station is one of these significant icons and an important piece of Gympie's history touching thousands of families in the area for 150 years as an entity, and as a functioning building in what would have been 100 years in 2040.

The curved red brick as the prime focus, and structure for the tower, is uniquely deserving of classification, as there are very few of these interwar or neo-classicism facades left in Queensland. Being located on the top of the central hill in Gympie's township not only gave it a prime vantage point for the Gympie Fire Station's Lookout Tower, it is also the significant focal point back from all those many hills around Gympie, being uniquely and familiarly visible, as is the Court House, and the Stock Exchange.

Now classed as the old Gympie Fire Station, it is a building that can still be functional if continued to be supported and looked after, and there is also the hopeful future desire to have the place active as an Emergency Services Museum (with a Regional Historical Archive facility), in conjunction with the GFHS & GGMM&HS, and possibly other smaller community groups.

So I respectfully request that the Queensland Heritage Council approve the Gympie Fire Station into the Queensland Heritage Register.

Thank you for considering my submission.
Yours faithfully,

Name: Brett Watson

Address:



Date: 20th July 2026

Heritage

From: John Watt [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 17 August 2026 4:39 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Re: Gympie Fire Station Place ID 650289

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Good afternoon,

After reading the criteria listed, my submission is based on 3 items listed below.

Criteria B, 2 storey masonry building in a regional area which is unusual as most were wooden built.
Criteria E, architecturally distinct with its curved masonry tower and its prominent position in the city.

Criteria G has been serving the community over a long period of time and up until very recently based in the same location.

Regards
John Watt
Sent from my iPad

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Hi John,

Please see our reply to your last email. To be a valid submission, you must refer to the heritage criteria (mentioned in our reply email) which you think apply to the place.

If you can respond with a valid submission today (combining the points made in your last two emails), that would be great.

Kind regards,
Heritage Unit.

From: John Watt [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 17 August 2026 3:54 PM
To: Heritage
Subject: Gympie Fire Station Place ID 650289

Good afternoon,

A follow-up to my previous email, the Gympie Fire Station is unique in the fact that how it was built at the time, 2 storey building and how it is in a very prominent position in the city, I do support the submission for it to be listed on the registrar, rather than it be demolished and sold of as prime real estate because of the location, I'm hoping that other locals will have the same view as myself, to retain another piece of Queensland's history.

Regards
John Watt
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To: Heritage
Subject: Gympie Fire Station

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Good afternoon,

I understand that there is a submission for the Gympie Fire Station to be listed by the Heritage department, I wish to show my support for the submission, this Fire Station has been in existence for over 100 years and in that time has provided service to the Gympie and surrounding communities, not only fighting fires but assisting in floods and assisting in road trauma accidents. I would hope that the building be listed on the heritage register and possibly used as a museum staffed by volunteers or ex service staff and be a testament of service by all of the brave staff that served at the station both past and present.

Regards
John Watt
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