

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Culture:

Anzac Hill High School Heritage Decision

Please advise:

1. If a Heritage officer in Alice Springs wrote a report recommending heritage protection for Anzac Hill High School?; and
2. If you rejected this recommendation.
3. If the answer to 2 is yes, please advise the basis of the rejection.

Answers

1. On 30 November 2018, the Heritage Council considered an assessment report prepared by the Heritage Branch within the Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture, in relation to the former Alice Springs (Anzac Hill) High School. The Assessment Report canvassed a range of considerations and did not contain a recommendation.
2. The Heritage Council found that although the former School had some importance in terms of demonstrating the evolution of educational facilities in Alice Springs, and that it had an association with The Reverend Harry Griffiths (who lobbied for the construction of the School), that it did not meet most of the heritage assessment criteria, and that overall the significance of the place was not such to warrant inviting submissions as to whether it should be permanently protected by the *Heritage Act 2011*. At that point, the application process ceased and the matter did not progress to me as the Minister.