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11 Truro Street

To: The South Australian Heritage Committee

From: Senior Historical Architect

Subject: REGISTRATION OBJECTION - COTTAGES, 11, 13 TRURO STREET, BURRA

Date: 1 April 1982

Summary

This report has been prepared because there has been an objection to the registration of this item. The cottage at 13 Truro Street, Burra, was recommended by the South Australian Heritage Committee and put on an Interim List on 26 July, 1979. An objection was received but overruled by the Committee on 28 May, 1980. Unfortunately, the building was not then put on the Register before the 12 month Interim Listing period expired. Therefore, the whole process has had to be repeated from the Interim Listing onwards.

Historically, the cottages are an integral part of Burra's mining/social history. The cottages form part of a row of early Cornish-style miners cottages built in the Government township of Redruth, laid out in 1849 to provide freehold land for Burra residents as an alternative to the South Australian Mining Association's private township of Kooringa.

Architecturally, the attached cottages are early examples of small scale row housing. The cottages were built from readily available materials and their size, humble appearance and physical attachment reflect the social and economic standing of mine workers. The four cottages were built in four distinct stages, enabling them to retain a degree of individuality.

Environmentally, the cottages' scale, texture and massing contribute positively to the surrounding residential area.

The Integrity of the cottages is reasonable and they are in good physical condition. Major alterations are at the rear in the form of asbestos-cement additions, and the built-in doorway to Number 13.

The cottages at 11 and 13 Truro Street, Burra, are on the Classified List of the National Trust, and on the National Estate Register, as part of 'Tivers Row'.

The owners, Mr. J.A. and Mrs. S.M. Phillips, have objected on the grounds that:

> they want no interference from the Government or anyone else.

The Heritage Conservation Branch does not support the objection because:

> the cottages form an integral part of the National Trust Heritage Conservation Area in Burra and are individually important as Cornish Miners cottages.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the objection to the proposed registration of the Cottages at 11 and 13 Truro Street, Burra, be overruled and that they be included on the Register of State Heritage Items.

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South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80	Register of State Heritage Items ITEM EVALUATION SHEET Buildings and Structures Item COTTAGES, 11 & 13 TRURO STREET, BURRA	
Age 1850's - Not confirmed	Theme	Office 6630-10034-10036
Period Row House	Subject Early Victorian - Vernacular	Region Mid North
Building Type	Style	Status N.Tr. (CL) N.E.R.

Qualitative Data

Component	Comment	Grading E	VG	AG	FP	NA
History						
1. Context:	The cottages are associated with the growth of Redruth (now in Burra North) as a Government township outside the lease of the South Australian Mining Association and their Burra Burra Copper Mine.		*			
2. Person/Group:	This type of housing was built for miners, usually Cornish, from the copper mines.		*			
3. Event:	Not yet established.					*
Architecture						
4. Architect/ Builder:	Not yet established.					*
5. Design:	Two of four attached row cottages, two rooms deep, front facades divided by a central door and two windows, roofs are hipped with gable end chimneys.			*		
6. Construction:	Rubble stone walling to external walls, slag block wall to some interior walls (Originally rendered)		*			
7. Interior:	Plain and utilitarian - simple and modest building.			*		
8. Representation:	Scarce building type for the period, supports others in the Street and Burra as a whole.		*			
Environment						
9. Continuity:	The first two of four attached cottages in a residential mining area, compliments a row of six similar cottages west in Truro Street.	*				
10. Local Character:	Same as for Note 9.	*				
11. Landmark:	Locally a well-known landmark.		*			

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Integrity						
12. Alterations:	Basically intact, asbestos additions at rear and blocked door are conspicuous and out of character.			*		
13. Condition:	The two cottages are in good condition. Some fretting to the stonework has occurred.			*		
14. Compatibility:	The cottages are still used for residential purposes.	*				

Supplementary Information

Adaptation: The cottages have limited potential for adaptation beyond a residential function. The basic form and external appearance should be maintained.

Interpretation: The cottages are an important element within an overall Burra interpretation scheme.

Current Situation: The cottages are owned by Mr. J.A. and Mrs. S.M. Phillips who are not threatening to demolish or severely alter the buildings. They object to the buildings being listed because they prefer autonomy.

Evaluated By	Lothar Brasse Consultant Architect	Kate McDougall Consultant Historian	Date
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South Australian Heritage Committee Categorization			Date

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COTTAGES, 11 AND 13 TRURO STREET, BURRA

Rich copper specimens had been found in 1845 on Burra Burra Creek by two shepherds working on James Stein's pastoral lease. An area of 20,000 acres was then defined by special survey and the purchasers had to pay the twenty thousand pounds in gold sovereigns. Two opposing groups took up half each of the survey. The Princess Royal Mining Company (the Nobs) was unsuccessful as their half of the survey was mined out by 1850 and became a sheep run. The more successful was the South Australian Mining Association (the Snobs) as their mine proved to be a copper bonanza.

A town was quickly laid out in 1846, and called Kooringa. The S.A. Mining Association built small stone cottages for the mainly Cornish miners.

However, the S.A. Mining Association refused to allow any freehold within their private town. Many miners either found the six to ten shillings a week rent from their wage of thirty shillings too onerous, or wished to live outside the control of the Company. They petitioned the Government to lay out a Government town. Redruth township was surveyed in 1849 and the sale of allotments took place in August 1849.

The cottages which were then constructed in Redruth reflected the nationality of the miners, and seem particularly Cornish in design, built in rows and terraces, some of them stepped down with the street contours. The terrace on the North side of Truro Street, known as Tivers Row, is a particularly good example of this type of cottage, constructed in the early period of Burra's mining history (between 1845 and 1859). Numbers 11 and 13 Truro Street (on the south side) are similar in style and scale to Tivers Row and built during the same period.

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TRURO STREET COTTAGES Burra

These 1850s Cornish-style miners' row cottages were built in government township of Redruth, now Burra North, are an integral part of Burra's copper mining history.