

# **Heritage Referral Response**

Application Number:	DA2020/0395
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Date:	04/05/2020
То:	Claire Ryan
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# Officer comments

## **HERITAGE COMMENTS**

#### Discussion of reason for referral

The proposal has been referred to Heritage as the subject property contains a heritage item

Concrete geodesic domes (North Narrabeen Public School) - 6 Namona Street, North Narrabeen

## Details of heritage items affected

Details of the item as contained within the Pittwater heritage inventory is as follows:

# Statement of significance:

The concrete geodesic domes are one of a very limited number of Binishells in Australia and one of the few remaining constructed as part of the NSW Department of Public Works building program for schools in the 1970s.

#### Physical description:

The dome is one of the most efficient structures ever developed but also one of the most difficult and costly to build. The development of the Binishell process of pneumatically inflating concrete made the construction of concrete domes possible with both speed and economy, and introduced a new dimension into the range of architecture in new educational buildings in NSW The first 18 metre diameter dome to be constructed in NSW was at Narrabeen North Public School, where a three-domed complex was erected. The project consisted of 2 interconnected domes, which were designed to be used as a library, while a third binishell served as an administration office for the school.

Other relevant heritage listings		
No		
No		
No	However the Binishells have been nominated for a state listing (including those at North Narrabeen Public, Ashbury Public and Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High)	
Yes	The trust lists the Binishells at North Narrabeen.	
No		
Yes	NSW Department of Education S170 Register	
	No No No Yes	

Consideration of Application

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The proposal seeks consent for the installation of a new temporary administration building. The new single storey admin building is located on an existing car park towards the eastern boundary of the site. The heritage listed binishells are located towards the west in the centre of the site at a distance of approximately 35m. Given the physical separation, impacts upon the heritage items are considered to be minimal.

Therefore Heritage raises no objections and requires no conditions.

**Note:** The Binishells at North Narrabeen Public School have been nominated for a state heritage listing. These comments only relate to the local heritage listing in the Pittwater LEP.

Consider against the provisions of CL5.10 of PLEP.

Is a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) Required? No Has a CMP been provided? No Is a Heritage Impact Statement required? Yes Has a Heritage Impact Statement been provided? Yes

#### **Further Comments**

COMPLETED BY: Brendan Gavin, Principal Planner

DATE: 4 May 2020

The proposal is therefore supported.

Note: Should you have any concerns with the referral comments above, please discuss these with the Responsible Officer.

## **Recommended Heritage Advisor Conditions:**

Nil.

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