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Dear Mr Buch

Thank you for your email of 28 June 2023 regarding a request for a stop order for Cairncross Graving Dock (Cairncross Dock), located at 405 and 405B Thynne Road, Morningside.

As you are aware, on 21 November 2022, an application to enter the Cairncross Dock and Finishing Wharf in the Queensland Heritage Register (QHR) was received by the Department of Environment and Science (the department). On 2 February 2023, the department made a recommendation to the Queensland Heritage Council (QHC) that the World War II-era Cairncross Dock be entered in the Heritage Register, based on its assessment that the place satisfies three of the eight cultural heritage criteria in section 35 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992* (the Heritage Act).

I am advised that at its 16 June 2023 meeting, QHC, an independent statutory authority established under the Heritage Act, decided not to enter the place in the QHR. As the notice of decision states, QHC's decision was informed by a range of material, including the application, submissions, the DES recommendation, and engineering reports (including one commissioned for QHC, and those provided by the owner of the place). The engineering reports concluded that the structure of the Cairncross Dock is compromised, with major deterioration affecting sections of its concrete structure.

Having regard to section 51(3) of the Heritage Act, QHC decided that although the Cairncross Dock was a place of state cultural heritage significance and satisfied certain criteria for entry in the QHR, its physical condition and structural integrity would prevent its cultural heritage significance being preserved.

Given QHC's decision about this place hinged on its poor physical condition and structural integrity preventing its future preservation, I will not be making a stop order as requested for the Cairncross Dock.

If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact Catherine Chambers, Director - Heritage, Environment and Heritage Policy and Programs of the department on (07) 3330 5840 or by email at catherine.chambers@des.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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