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20069. Federal Capital Commission (FCC) Type 15 House

Section 21 Block 12 (part)

FORREST

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69. Federal Capital Commission (FCC) Type 15 House, Forrest [V118]¹

Location

District of Canberra Central, Division of Forrest, Section 21 Block 12 (part) as identified in Figure 69 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay H69.

Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place

The place comprises:

- a) the original house and its landscape setting

Statement Of Significance

Designed in 1926, the house at 15 Arthur Circle comprises the only example of a Federal Capital Commission (FCC) Type 15 residence to have been built in Canberra, being rare as both as a two-storey residence and demonstrating the architectural style of the English Arts and Crafts movement.

The FCC type 15 was one of four FCC designs that demonstrate the strong influence of the English Arts and Crafts movement, particularly the work of C.F.A. Voysey, upon Federal Capital Commission architects. Of the four FCC designs demonstrating the Arts and Craft influence (types 12, 13, 14, 15), a total of only four houses are believed to have been constructed, several of which have been substantially altered.

The existing residence at 15 Arthur Circle remains predominantly intact, particularly in respect of the street elevations. It exhibits characteristic features of the style, including a steeply pitched roof to accommodate loft rooms, the use of face brickwork in construction, prominent gables emanating from a ridgeline across the shortest axis of the building, a large tiled window hood across the gable; and a verandah integrated under the roof.

Specific Requirements

In accordance with s54 (1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991* the following requirements are identified as essential to the conservation of the heritage significance of this place. These requirements are prepared to implement the following conservation policy for the place:

The original built fabric of the house shall be conserved and appropriately maintained, consistent with the heritage significance of the place as the only remaining FCC Type 15 residence

- i) **Landscape Setting**
 - a) The historical setting of the dwelling shall be conserved by retaining landscape open space between the dwelling and any neighbouring buildings.
 - b) New driveways or large areas of hard paving between the existing dwelling and the two adjacent roadways shall not be permitted.
- ii) **Building including alterations and additions**
 - a) External alterations and additions, including alterations to external finishes, may be permitted to the original residence if they do not detrimentally affect the heritage value of the place. Alterations and additions shall complement the architectural style, form, detailing and materials of the original residence.
 - b) No additions shall be permitted to the front façade, facing the intersection of Arthur Circle and Ducane Street, nor shall additions be permitted between the facade of the original covered verandah on the Southeast side of the residence and Ducane Street.
 - c) In addition to (i)(b) within the unit lease area, no new structures or building additions shall be constructed closer to the front boundaries of Ducane Street and Arthur Circle than the existing forward-most corners of the dwelling.

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- d) Alteration of internal components of the original residence may be permitted provided the heritage significance of the external building fabric of the original residence is not adversely affected.

iii) **Demolition**

- a) Subject to (ii)(b), demolition of the original residence shall not be permitted, other than in exceptional circumstances, including circumstances in which the building is structurally unsound and beyond economic repair or where there are significant public health and safety reasons to warrant demolition. Demolition shall not be permitted unless it can be demonstrated that there is no prudent and feasible alternative.
- b) The demolition of original built fabric of the residence shall only be allowed in the context of sympathetic alteration and additions.

Figure 69: Ffc Type 15 House, Forrest

