

Table 3.25 Summary of the Assessment for Building No. 16

<i>Building No., Name & Designation</i>	<i>Date of Construction and Original Use</i>	<i>Reference Drawings</i>
16 Workshops/Laundry Within Victoria Prison Declared Monument	1917 Laundry and Workshops	
<i>Brief Overview</i>	<i>Proposed Adaptive Uses</i>	<i>Significance (refer to Section 3.11 of the Conservation Management Plan dated June 2008)</i>
<p>The Laundry is on a steep slope with a large granite revetment wall on the west side. There is a steel post and beam structure with a concrete slab over this space which is likely later, as the steel structure has been reinforced. The workshops are a single storey brick building with steel truss and corrugated metal pitched roof. The space has been partitioned into smaller spaces. Across the east end of the workshops and extending south is a concrete roof supported by a variety of brick and concrete piers; this creates a covered walkway.</p> <p>The laundry continued in its use until decommissioning and the workshops became recreation space in later years.</p>	<p>Site for new building and circulation across the site associated with a new entrance from Arbutnot Road.</p>	<p>LOW</p> <p>This building was constructed as a functional building with little architectural interest, and has been altered over time with substantial repairs following the war. There is some interest in its representation of how prisoners lived within the Site.</p>
<i>Conservation Approach</i>	<i>Major Proposed Changes (for Mitigations see Annex A1)</i>	<i>Other Heritage Impact Rating Assessments</i>
	<p>The Workshops and Laundry Yard structure will all be recorded and demolished to reopen the lower yard. It is a key vision and approach for the Site to be revitalized with some new buildings suitable for multipurpose associated with Contemporary Visual Arts. The existing Workshops and the Laundry structure underneath cannot provide the spaces suitable for the range of multipurpose required. There would need to be significant work to the existing structures to adapt and strengthen them for new uses. Their removal will provide an open area for visitors entering the Site from the new Arbutnot Road entrance, and will expose more of the elevations of D Hall and E Hall currently obscured by the Workshops and Laundry. The open area will also be used in conjunction with the open multipurpose space under E Hall.</p> <p>A new wide external staircase will be provided between the Laundry and Prison Yards, under the canopy of a new arts-related building to be built overhead between D and E Halls. This space will encourage pedestrian flow from Arbutnot Road to Old Bailey Street whilst providing a protected space for casual meeting and public gathering. The new building will house a multipurpose space with connections to the Laundry Yard, Prison Yard, D Hall and E Hall. This new building will also provide the centralised chilled water cooling towers for the whole Site. The space under the new staircase adjacent to the revetment wall to the Prison Yard will be a passageway across the Laundry Yard leading to public accessible toilets serving this area of the Site.</p>	<p>Impact Rating 3 - Acceptable Impact with mitigation measures</p>