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20033. Tuggeranong Boundary Marker Complex

Section 20 Block 23 (part), Section 46 Block 12 (part), Section 55 Blocks 12 (part), Section 62 Block 4 (part), Section 63 Block 1 (part) and parts of Athllon Drive, Ankettell Street and Cowlshaw Street as identified as part of H33

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33. Tuggeranong Boundary Marker Complex [V78]¹

Location

District of Tuggeranong, Division of Greenway, Section 20, Block 23 (part), Section 45, Block 4 (part), Section 46, Block 2 (part), Section 55, Blocks 3 and 4 (part), Section 62, Block 3 (part), Section 63, Block 1 (part) and parts of Athllon Drive, Anketell Street and Cowlshaw Street, as identified in Figure 33 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay H33.

Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place

The place comprises:

- a) the dry stone wall;
- b) the timber posts, straining wires and wire netting at various points along the wall, comprising the rabbit proof fence;
- c) the alignment through the car park of the Tuggeranong Swimming Centre and Town Park;
- d) the ditch and bank section adjacent to Drakeford Drive, Greenway;
- e) a 50 metre curtilage on either side of the wall; and
- f) a 25 metre curtilage on either side of the historic alignment.

Statement Of Significance

The Tuggeranong Boundary Marker remains as a symbol of the district's rural past. It has associations with both the Cunningham and Campbell families, well known landholders in the area for almost a century. It was the major northern boundary of the Tuggeranong property, later incorporated into the vast Cunningham family holdings. The property gave its name to the new urban area of Tuggeranong.

The former function of the Tuggeranong Boundary Marker was as a fence, and it retains historic importance as an example of fencing systems in 19th Century Australia, culminating in rabbit proof fencing (a peculiarly Australian feature).

The marker is the only known drystone wall extant in the ACT remaining in its original rural setting. It provides a reminder of the early agricultural origins of the area. The imposing solid line of the wall provides a strong visual, symbolic and aesthetic element within the landscape.

Specific Requirements

In accordance with s.54(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 existing stone wall and ditch and bank sections, and wall alignment are to be conserved and appropriately maintained. The existing rural landscape character of the stone wall section is to be appropriately conserved.

i) Stone Wall Section

- a) The stone wall sections are to be retained at their existing dimensions and alignment.
- b) No new or additional stone is to be added to the stone wall section.
- c) Reconstruction or other conservation work on the stone wall sections must use dry stone walling techniques consistent with the original construction methods.

ii) Rabbit Proof Fencing

- a) The existing timber posts, straining wire and wire netting are to be retained *in situ* and not replaced with modern materials.

iii) Ditch and Bank Section

- a) The existing ditch and bank section ground surface contours are to be retained.

iv) Wall Alignment

- a) No buildings or other vertical structures are to be constructed over the alignment of the wall.

¹ [V78: Added to Heritage Places Register 12/12/1997 (Variation Number 78)]

v) **Curtilage**

- a) Future development shall have regard to the rural character of the landscape and the visual access along the length of the historic alignment.

Figure 33: Tuggeranong Boundary Marker Complex

