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ACT SUPREME COURT

We note that the ACT Supreme Court refurbishing is advancing but it has been brought to our attention that Court Room 1 is to have the entire interior removed and be totally refurbished.

The Supreme Court is a significant building and the fitout of the court rooms by timbers donated by each state is evidence of a collaborative national gesture.

The fitout was identified as significant in the 2013 Conservation Management Plan, especially the timber panelling and information plaque. Policy 15 states that the fitout is to be conserved, if it is not possible to retain them insitu they may be relocated and interpreted.

We seek details of the current proposal. If it is to remove this significant fabric have all options to retain it been explored, have the ACT Heritage Council been informed and approved such action.

As work is progressing rapidly on site we seek and urgent response.

Yours sincerely

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