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The National Trust notes the proposed development and considers it a poor design outcome in the context of the adjacent Heritage Listed Batchelor Flats.

The scale and integration with, and recognition of, the original context is totally lost and it is not a successful heritage or urban design outcome leaving a small heritage listed building looking forlorn.

We are pleased to note the maintenance work that will occur to the external façade of the Bachelor Flats but there are no details of the internal refurbishment and any impact that will have on heritage values.

The landscaping around the Bachelor Flats and that around the new development pays little respect to the original planning and landscape of the site and also a poor urban design and landscape outcome.

For what was the entry portal to Canberra we now have a dismal outcome and a poor outcome for heritage and urban design.

Yours faithfully

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