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Dear Mr Harvey

**Yarralumla Heritage Management Plan – Yarralumla Residents Association  
Submission**

In reference to your letter dated 5 May 2017, CSIRO once again thanks you for your submission to the CSIRO Invitation for Public Comment on the proposed Yarralumla Heritage Management Plan.

Please find following CSIRO's formal responses to the issues raised in your submission:

<p>1. Transfer of site from protection of EPBC to ACT Heritage</p>	<p>CSIRO notes your concerns about the transfer of the site from NCA to ACT Government Control. This is something that the Yarralumla Residents Association will need to discuss with the NCA, ACT Government and Yarralumla site owner closer to the date of CSIRO's vacation.</p> <p>In respect to the demolition of non-heritage buildings, there are a number of buildings that CSIRO retained at the time of the sale and leaseback. It is a lease requirement for these buildings to be disposed prior to our vacation.</p>
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<p>2. Likely future options for the site</p>	<p>CSIRO has forwarded copy of your submission to the Site Owner's representative for review. They have advised they are willing to meet with or contact the Yarralumla Residents Association to discuss the future use of the site further.</p>
<p>3. Primary Concerns – Transfer from the EPBC Act</p>	<p>CSIRO notes your concerns. However the site was sold by CSIRO with Commonwealth approval. The transfer of site from the protection of the EPBC Act to ACT Heritage is something that the Yarralumla Residents Association will need to discuss with the NCA, ACT Government and site owner closer to the date of CSIRO's vacation.</p>
<p>4. Primary Concerns – Holistic site view</p>	<p>CSIRO notes your response. CSIRO will continue to manage the site and those assets with a Commonwealth Heritage Listing in accordance with the EPBC Act and Lease Terms and Conditions. The Yarralumla Residents Association will be given an opportunity to comment on any proposed site changes in the future</p>
<p>5. Primary Concerns – Pyrotron Facility</p>	<p>Please be advised that the research group who used this facility are located at Black Mountain. The Pyrotron is a mobile fire tunnel which was constructed at the CSIRO Black Mountain site in the last 10 years. The only reason it was temporarily located at Yarralumla was due to CSIRO not having space at Black Mountain at the time. It is intended that the Pyrotron will be relocated to Black Mountain prior to CSIRO's vacation of the site.</p> <p>There is no heritage value to the facility and given it will be relocated to Black Mountain, it was not considered appropriate to include this the</p>

	Yarralumla Heritage Management Plan.
6. Primary Concerns – Oval	The Oval does not form part nor has it formed part of the CSIRO site for many years. The Yarralumla site is controlled by the NCA whilst the Oval is controlled by the ACT Government. The Yarralumla Residents Association will be given an opportunity to comment on any CSIRO Yarralumla site changes in the future. You should contact the ACT Government to discuss any concerns you have about the future of the Oval.
7. Primary Concerns – Non-building assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The park containing remnant of old forestry machinery are no longer required or in safe or repairable condition. Previous items were relocated by CSIRO to Echuca as historic relics. CSIRO will pass on your comments regarding these assets to the Site Owner's representative for their information.</li> <li>b. Tree Survey – Robert Boden the original arborist who undertook the tree survey passed away several years ago. CSIRO will discuss updating the Tree Survey with the Site Owner's representative.</li> <li>c. Tree Replacement – CSIRO, on advice from Robert Boden, did remove trees as they were diseased or dying. It was recommended against planting at that time due to the drought conditions of the time. Note: There is a requirement to replace like with like for species but not in respect to age. CSIRO will review this and discuss with the Site Owner's representative.</li> </ul>

8. Primary Concerns – Indigenous Heritage	Your comments are noted. CSIRO felt that due to the development and plantings on site, CSIRO has not previously had the site reviewed for indigenous heritage values. This will be remedied in the next Heritage Management Plan for the Yarralumla site.
9. Primary Concerns – Natural Heritage	The Site's natural heritage will be reviewed in the next Heritage Management Plan.

Lastly, just to clarify, CSIRO sold and leased back the CSIRO Yarralumla site in 2002. Accordingly, Gunyar Pty Ltd is the CSIRO Yarralumla site owner so any questions or concerns regarding the site should be addressed to Gunyar or Gunyar's representative.

Yours sincerely



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