

## EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE APPLICATION

For applications made under section 42(1) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*.

ADDRESS OF PLACE:	Halls Hut, Halls Island, Walls of Jerusalem National Park
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APPLICANT DETAILS:			
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED WORKS:
<p>The hut sub-floor has completely failed due to age. We propose to remove a small section of floorboards to allow inspection of the sub-floor to determine original construction method and materials, and develop a strategy for the replacement of the subfloor and subsequent re-instatement of the original floorboards. Any boards to be removed will be numbered, and re-instated as per their original position. The floors are laid such that we may be able to lift one section of floor at an existing join, and carefully dismantle boards from sub-floor using pinch bars etc. If this is not possible, we will either punch or drill-out the nails to ensure that the original boards can be removed with no or minimal damage.</p> <p>We also propose to remove a small piece (not larger than 15cm x 15cm) of the disintegrating tar-paper sarking to use as a reference to inform the selection of a replacement material at a later point. The sample will be taken from a section already damaged and hanging from the ceiling.</p> <p>The site works proposed will conclude with an inspection of the yellow gum adjacent to the hut, which is now threatening to fall on the building, in addition to an inspection and documentation of the shrubbery encroaching on the hut and associated herb garden bed. The findings of this inspection will inform conservation management actions of the heritage building and associated area to be formally discussed with Heritage Tasmania and the Parks and Wildlife Service following the site works proposed above.</p>

To mitigate the current risk of damage to the hut floor, ceiling, and associated heritage listed values of the hut, we have temporarily closed the hut to use until the full restoration has been completed. As you would be aware, Halls Hut underwent a lengthy and thorough heritage nomination process which only concluded late last year, resulting in this season being the first full season during which investigative and restoration works can now occur at the hut.

The above actions will ultimately inform a larger restoration project aimed at restoring the hut and ensuring its heritage, social and recreational values are protected for future generations. This larger hut restoration and management plan, and associated restoration project is budgeted to cost up to \$75,000 (cash and in-kind) due to the remoteness of the site, need for helicopter support, and complex nature of the restoration build (which will at minimum involve removing the roof temporarily, in addition to replacing sub floor and external bottom-plate logs). No-cost public access to the private hut will continue upon completion of the restoration process.

This larger restoration project will be subject to a separate Exemption Certificate Application, which will be submitted as soon as practicable following the conclusion of the well-publicised EPBCA referral that we are separately undertaking in relation to the installation and operation of a standing camp at Halls Island. There would be a very real risk that high profile activists targeting various matters relating to Halls Island may use such restoration actions and associated supporting activities (such as helicopter and row boat use) in a vexatious manner aimed at interfering with due process relating to the EPBCA assessment and associated assessment matters. As such, we do not feel that it is appropriate or prudent to conduct significant hut restoration construction actions on the island (which would include required helicopter use), until the conclusion of the EPBCA process relating to the separate standing camp, which will occur over the coming months.

Finally, I would like to make it known that I support any pro-active release of this application through the DPIWE RTI log at the discretion of HT, so that any interested parties are fully informed.]

ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS:	\$ \$1000 for works + access costs (\$1500-3500)
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NOTE: Eligible works must have no impact or only negligible impact on the historic cultural heritage significance of the relevant registered place or heritage area and be capable of being carried out in accordance with the parameters for exemptions described in the Works Guidelines.



LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (THESE SHOULD BE ATTACHED):	
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## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS:

Exemption Certificate applications are to be submitted to the Tasmanian Heritage Council, care of Heritage Tasmania:

By email: enquiries@heritage.tas.gov.au

By post: Heritage Tasmania  
GPO Box 618  
Hobart TAS 7001

The receiving officer will check that the necessary information has been obtained in order for the application to be assessed. The application will be assessed once all of the required information has been received. An application will normally be determined within 7 days of all the required information having been received.

Under section 42(3) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, the Heritage Council may either approve or refuse the exemption certificate application. If the application is refused, the applicant may submit a discretionary permit application for the works under section 35 of the Act. Applicants are encouraged to consult with Heritage Tasmania's advisors prior to lodging a discretionary permit application.

Please note that a copy of any certificate of exemption issued will be forwarded to the local planning authority for their information. A planning, building or plumbing permit from the local planning authority may also be required for the works. Further advice regarding these requirements should be obtained from the local planning authority.

Further information on the types of work that may be eligible for a certificate of exemption is available in the Tasmanian Heritage Council's *Works Guidelines*. The *Guidelines* can be downloaded from [www.heritage.tas.gov.au](http://www.heritage.tas.gov.au)

Please contact Heritage Tasmania on 1300 850 332 if you require further information.



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ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION RECEIVED: YES / NO	
IF NO, DATE WHEN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED: _____	
DATE WHEN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED: _____	
IF APPROVED: EXEMPTION NO: _____	CERTIFICATE ISSUE DATE: _____
IF REFUSED, DATE WHEN REFUSAL WAS COMMUNICATED TO APPLICANT: _____	
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