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Senator Rhiannon, Lee asked:

Why has an interim emergency listing not been granted given the extent of the NSW Government's intention to allow development that will affect the site?

Answer:

The Department is unaware of any application for emergency listing for this place. For a place to be included in the National Heritage List using the emergency listing provisions of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, it must meet three criteria: that a place may have one or more National Heritage values, any of these values is under threat of a significant adverse impact, and that threat is both likely and imminent.

It is not clear that the intention to permit potential development would in itself constitute an imminent threat to the potential National Heritage values of the Parramatta Female Factory Precinct.