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Endangered ACT buildings shortlisted in national program

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The National Trust today announced its inaugural 'Our Heritage at Risk' national top ten list in Hobart, Tasmania.

The final list was derived from over 60 'Our Heritage at Risk' places throughout Australia, identified by the Trusts earlier this year.

The ACT's Cameron Offices and Belconnen Naval Transmitting Station both made the final list as they continue their fight for survival.

The Cameron Offices, located in Belconnen, were significant in their architectural form and design and were entered on the Commonwealth Heritage List.

The complex was listed on the Register of the National Estate in 1999, is on the Royal Australian Institute of Architects National Register of Significant 20th Century Architecture and is one of the few places on the Union of International Architects International Heritage Registers.

Two wings of the Cameron Office complex have already been demolished and now a further five wings are being pulled down. The current plan of the ACT Government is to retain only two of the original nine wings.

The Belconnen Naval Transmitting Station was integral in Australia's naval communications between 1938 – 2005 and played a significant role in Australia's defence strategy in World War Two.

Despite being placed on the Commonwealth Heritage List, three main Low Frequency masts were removed from the station in 2006 and Defence plans to sell the remainder of the station.

The National Trust believe the site should be retained and opened for public visitation, as a commemoration to the important role it played throughout Australia's history.

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