



## Nomination for RISK

### Beverley Brickworks



Crumbling brickwork of kiln with fallen bricks scattered at base.

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Built in 1926, the Beverley Brickworks were entered on the State Heritage Register in 1995 for their "Rarity of kiln type as the last remaining structures associated with brickmaking in metropolitan Adelaide and, in the case of the beehive kiln, South Australia". Along with Hallett's kiln at Thebarton, these brickworks represent the last vestiges of 140 years of brickmaking in Adelaide. The circular beehive Hoffman Kiln itself is unique in South Australia.

Budget items for crucial conservation and interpretive work for the Beverley Brickworks have been included in draft or provisional budgets over the last ten years but then rescinded. However it would be difficult to find any structures on the State Heritage List at more catastrophic risk of ruin than the Beverley Brickworks.

While the rarest element of the Brickworks, the beehive Hoffman Kiln, appears relatively stable, the integrity of the site will be lost if the four downdraft kilns are allowed to disintegrate and were it not for the steel uprights containing the downdraft kiln structures, three of them would most likely have collapsed into piles of bricks.

Multiple bricks have fallen to the ground, further weakening the structures and in some instances cavities have developed, inviting further collapse. Attack from above is evident in vegetation proliferating on the roofs of the kilns and water penetration is inflicting more and more damage every winter.

As noted on the City of Charles Sturt's own website, "retarding further deterioration is considered the most appropriate course of action". To this end it is essential that continuous water penetration be prevented. This can be achieved without prohibitive expenditure. Currently the Brickworks are in great danger of collapse.