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## **HISTORIC HALL MAKES WAY FOR CAR PARK**

THE historic Missions to Seamen Hall at Outer Harbor will be razed to make way for export car parking.

State Heritage Authority spokesman Brian Samuels confirmed the building, on Oliver Rogers Rd, was dropped from the State Heritage List on April 1.

Flinders Ports chief executive Vincent Tremaine said the hall would be demolished in the next couple of months.

“In the end, it's taking up valuable berthing space, and for car exporting we need more room than we've got,” Mr Tremaine said.

He said razing the hall would make space for about 100 extra cars.

The hall was dilapidated and had become unsafe, he said. Renovating the structure was not an option.

“It's going to fall down, it's become a safety hazard.

“There's not much we can do to restore it.”

He said bricks and other materials from the hall would be kept for a memorial at Outer Harbor. This would commemorate the work of the Anglicans who founded and ran the hall.

News of the impending demolition devastated Semaphore resident and Port Adelaide Historical Society member Heather Hartshorne, who has written a book about the building.

“I feel like I've been kicked in the stomach,” Mrs Hartshorne said.

“I think it's another one in the eye for this district.

“It was an important monument to an era that's not well marked.

“It was always an asset to the community, it was never a white elephant . . . it would be wrong to allow its destruction when future restoration is still a possibility.”

Excerpts from the State Heritage Authority's report into the Missions to Seamen Hall and its future show:

Four public submissions supported removing the hall from the register, while eight submissions opposed it,

The Authority found ``the heritage value of the place had been compromised to such an extent that its removal from the Register was justified".

Meanwhile, a former Adelaide Milling Company five-storey flour mill, next to Hart's Mill on Munday Rd, Port Adelaide, has received provisional State Heritage listing.

Mr Samuels expected the listing to be formalised within months, giving the mill protection before the \$1.2 billion Port Adelaide Waterfront Redevelopment gets underway.

Built in 1928 by Frederick Lakeman, on land leased from the Harbour's Board by the Anglican Church

Used as a church for visiting sailors

Used as Aboriginal Heritage Museum

Left vacant in 1971

Severely damaged by fire in 1992

Now a shell without roof or floors