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## **RESCUE MISSION**

THE historic Missions to Seamen Hall at Outer Harbor could win a last-minute reprieve from demolition.

The hall was taken off the State Heritage List on April 1, allowing Flinders Ports to raze it for cargo storage.

However, Port Adelaide Enfield Council will investigate costs for restoring or relocating the Oliver Rogers Rd hall, after a request from Cr Peter Jamieson at last week's Development Assessment Panel meeting.

``There's disquiet in the community about whether this building should be knocked down," Cr Jamieson said.

``I'd like to call for a report prepared as to whether the costs for stabilising this structure and costs for relocating it to another location . . . relocating the whole structure brick by brick to another site."

Otherwise, demolition could start as early as July.

After the meeting, Cr Jamieson said the loss of the hall, which was built in 1925 to provide a church and entertainment for visiting sailors, symbolised the general decline of Outer Harbor.

``People used to drive down Lady Gowrie Drv on a Sunday for a look (at the Port) and now when you get down there there's just a fence," he said.

Flinders Ports human resources and projects general manager Peter Cheers said the company would agree to relocation if done quickly but restoration was out of the question.

``We looked at (restoration) some time ago and the cost just to get it up to standard was in excess of \$400,000 . . . it would cost even more to make it useful," Mr Cheers said.

``At the end of the day we need that space to accommodate more cargo.

``. . . If the council could do it (relocation) in a timely manner because we intend removing the building within the third quarter of this year."

Mr Cheers said Flinders Ports was planning a memorial wall to the hall, incorporating original foundations, bricks and stonework.

Port-Enfield environmental services director Fred Newman said staff would have an indication of costs for next week's council meeting, with a full report expected for the May 25 meeting.