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HERITAGE LISTING FOR HISTORIC CHINA TOWN RELIC

One of Darwin's few remaining 19th century buildings – the Sue Wah Chin building – will be Heritage Listed by the NT Government.

Heritage Minister Marion Scrymgour today announced that the Cavenagh St building – the only remaining building associated with Darwin's old Chinatown – will be given protection on the NT Heritage Register.

"The NT Government believes that our heritage not only shapes our Territory identity but contributes to our lifestyle and tourism industry, as well as allowing for unique development" Ms Scrymgour said.

"The Sue Wah Chin building in particular is one of only five buildings in Darwin still standing from the 1800's, and in fact is the only remaining building associated with Darwin's old Chinatown."

Ms Scrymgour said the building represents a phase in the development of the Territory which saw the establishment and expansion of the Chinese community as a significant component of the Darwin community.

Ms Scrymgour said the NT Government had worked closely with the owners of the building and would continue to do so to achieve a balanced approach towards any potential development of the property.

"There is considerable scope for both development and heritage conservation on this site," Ms Scrymgour said.

"We see this occurring right across Australia where both have gone hand in hand with many outstanding examples of re-use of heritage buildings, and the Sue Wah Chin building can offer a similar opportunity."

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