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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

ABSTRACT TITLE: The Four Pillars of Heritage Management: a multidisciplinary approach to managing a World Heritage Site tour

ABSTRACT CONTENT: a summary of the content and aim of your presentation. 300 words max.

Fremantle Prison was constructed by convicts from 1851 to 1859 and operated as a place of continuous incarceration until 1991. The site has exceptional cultural significance for its association with the history of convictism and colonisation, and with the post Enlightenment evolution of the concepts of punishment and reform of the criminal mind. Fremantle Prison is on the State and National heritage lists and is a member site of the Australian Convict Sites World Heritage Property. Fremantle Prison's Museum manages an internationally significant Collection of more than 16,000 cultural artefacts.

Fremantle Prison practices a holistic approach to the management and protection of cultural heritage values by enacting what we term the four pillars of heritage management - Governance, Conservation, Interpretation, and Community Engagement. This multidisciplinary approach reveals and reinforces the integrity and authenticity of Fremantle Prison's cultural heritage values, bracing the site against future challenges and threats. This facilitated group session will explore these four pillars of heritage practice and demonstrate them in action at Fremantle Prison.

Tying into the conference theme Hear Us Now; Next, this session will focus on the theme of 'revealing cultural value'. Fremantle Prison's significance is revealed through the professional practice of architects, archaeologists, curators, historians, interpreters, heritage managers, conservation specialists, and tour guides, working together collaboratively to build our understanding and appreciation of the site. As conference delegates tour the site, our staff will demonstrate how their technical expertise contributes to the protection of the site by revealing its cultural heritage value.