Military sites [abstract]

The Department of Defence has embraced its heritage responsibilities with a variety of operational procedures and numerous surveys and studies. However, at the 'coal face', the reaction of managers and users is mixed and inconsistent, with a distinct leaning towards avoiding the very procedures and studies prepared for their benefit and guidance. Technological advances have left numerous military building types redundant and a greater expectation in standards of accommodation have exerted pressures to abandon heritage buildings and properties.

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