



National Heritage Listing for Broken Hill? **Your chance to comment**

What is the National Heritage List?

The National Heritage List is Australia's pre-eminent heritage list recognising and protecting our most valued natural, Indigenous and historic heritage sites.

Inclusion in the National Heritage List is the highest heritage honour in Australia. The comprehensive listing process is building a living and accessible record of important aspects of our history, significant and evolving landscapes and the critical moments that helped define us as a nation.

Places on the National Heritage List receive national attention and can benefit from increased domestic and international tourism.

There are currently 82 places in the National Heritage List, including iconic landmarks such as Bondi Beach, Uluru Kata-Tjuta National Park, Stirling Range National Park and Port Arthur.

How can I find out more about the NHL?

For further information about the National Heritage List, visit the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts' website at www.environment.gov.au/heritage/index.html.

Who nominated Broken Hill?

Anyone can nominate a place for inclusion in the National Heritage List. The Broken Hill City Council nominated the City of Broken Hill (that is the whole Broken Hill Local Government Area) for inclusion on the National Heritage List.

Why might Broken Hill be included on the National Heritage List?

The Australian Heritage Council (AHC) has considered the nomination and believes that Broken Hill might reach a threshold for having National Heritage values. Values are assessed against nine National Heritage criteria, see www.environment.gov.au/heritage/index.html for more information. The values that the AHC consider might reach threshold are its:

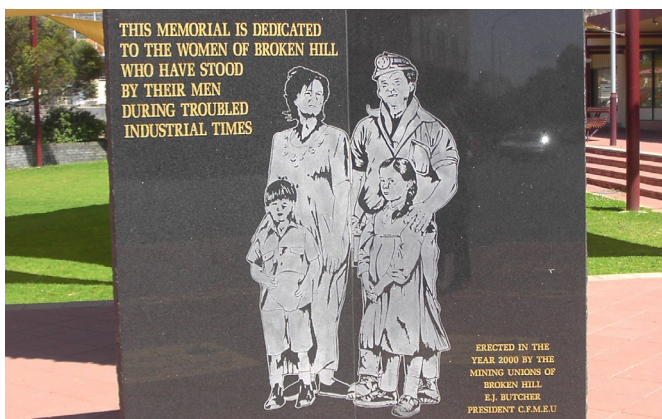
- historic value taking into account its mining importance, industrial relations significance, and the initiatives with respect to regeneration of native vegetation;
- rarity as a mining town with 124 years of continuous mining activity;
- research value with respect to mining inventions and diverse ore bodies;
- ability to demonstrate the principal characteristics of an evolving mining town;
- aesthetic significance;
- creative and technical achievement through the discovery of new and revolutionary mining processes;
- social significance as a place with strong community spirit and resilience; and
- association with significant people such as Charles Rasp, WL Baillieu, WS Robertson and GD Delprat.

Will National Heritage listing affect my property?

The Local Environmental Plan (LEP) currently protects heritage places in Broken Hill, including those listed on the NSW State Heritage Register. The same approach is being considered for protection of National Heritage values.

Broken Hill City Council is currently developing a new LEP. It is expected to include a Development Control Plan covering heritage. The draft LEP will go on exhibition later this year for public comment.

It is unlikely that the inclusion of the City of Broken Hill on the National Heritage List would impose any additional controls or approval requirements on property owners than currently occurs, unless a proposal has, will have or is likely to have a significant impact on the listed National Heritage





values. The new LEP is expected to prevent the majority of all impacts on National Heritage values.

How can I be involved?

The assessment of the City of Broken Hill for National Heritage values in accordance with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* requires consultation with owners and occupiers with interests in the City of Broken Hill.

Community information sessions will be arranged during a six week period commencing on 26 June 2009, and will be advertised on the Broken Hill City Council's website at www.brokenhill.nsw.gov.au, in the local media and on the Department's website at www.environment.gov.au/heritage/index.html. There will be an opportunity to meet one-on-one with an officer assisting the AHC at a time during this period.

What is the statutory notification period?

People who are interested in providing comment on **whether the City of Broken Hill should be included in the National Heritage List** have six weeks in which to provide written comment on the listing. The consultation period commences on 26 June 2009 and finishes at the close of business on 7 August 2009.

How do I make a submission?

Comment forms are available from the Broken Hill City

Council offices or from their website at <http://www.brokenhill.nsw.gov.au>.

Written comments should be sent by post, fax or email to:

Australian Heritage Council	or	Australian Heritage Council
GPO Box 787		John Gorton Building
CANBERRA ACT 2601		King Edward Terrace
Facsimile: 02 6274 2095		PARKES ACT 2600
Email: ahc@environment.gov.au		

Written comments hand delivered to the Broken Hill City Council will be forwarded to the Australian Heritage Council.

What can I include in my submission?

Your submission should only consider whether or not the City of Broken Hill should be included in the National Heritage List.

Who will get to read my submission?

Your submission may be read by heritage officers in the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts and by members of the AHC and the Minister.

Although your submission must include your name and address, your details will be kept confidential, and only provided to the AHC or the Minister with your consent.

When does the submission have to be in by?

The submission must reach the AHC in Canberra by 7 August 2009.

What is the next step?

The AHC will consider the submissions and give its assessment report, based only on consideration of heritage values, to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts. It will advise the Minister if the place should be included in the National Heritage List.

How will a decision be made on the National Heritage listing for Broken Hill?

The Minister makes the decision on the inclusion of the City of Broken Hill in the National Heritage List following receipt of the report from the AHC. The Minister may invite further public comment before making a listing decision and/or consider other relevant matters, including social and economic interests, before making a final decision about the inclusion of the place in the National Heritage List.

How will I find out about the decision?

Once the Minister has made a decision and announced it, the decision will be reported in the Commonwealth Gazette and on the website of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts. The Minister's announcement often attracts considerable media attention. For further information about the National Heritage List visit: www.environment.gov.au/heritage/index.html.