



EPBC ACT – LIST OF OVERSEAS PLACES OF HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE TO AUSTRALIA

Overseas sites that have a special place in Australia's history will be symbolically recognised with the establishment on 1 January 2007 of a new list under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) – the List of Overseas Places of Historic Significance to Australia (LOPHSA).

The new list enables Australia to officially recognise and celebrate overseas places of greatest importance to the development of the nation in a way that is respectful of the rights and sovereignty of other nations.

The list will help tell the story of the most significant parts of Australia's history that occurred outside our natural borders, such as significant events during wartime and locations representing extraordinary achievements by Australians overseas.

Other amendments to the EPBC Act passed by the Australian Parliament in December 2006 have appropriately limited the National Heritage List to places within the Australian jurisdiction.

The listing process

The process for listing a place on the LOPHSA includes the following steps:

- The Australian Government Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (the Minister) considers whether a particular place outside of the Australian jurisdiction should be included on the LOPHSA.
- The Minister may ask the Australian Heritage Council for advice on the proposed listing. The Minister may also consider information from other sources.
- The Minister may include a place on the LOPHSA if satisfied it is *outside of Australian jurisdiction and is of outstanding historic significance to Australia*.
- To list, the Minister must publish a notice and statement of the historic significance of the place to Australia in the *Government Notices Gazette*.

Further information about the EPBC Act, including the up-to-date LOPHSA, is available from the Department of the Environment and Water Resources web site www.environment.gov.au/epbc, or by contacting the Department's Community Information Unit, email ciu@environment.gov.au, or freecall 1800 803 772.