



Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

INCLUSION OF A PLACE IN THE NATIONAL HERITAGE LIST

I, Peter Robert Garrett, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts having considered, in relation to the place specified in the Schedule of this instrument -

- (a) the Australian Heritage Council's assessment whether the place meets any of the National Heritage criteria; and
- (b) the comments given to the Council under sections 324JG and 324JH of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*; and

being satisfied that the place described in the Schedule has the National Heritage values specified in the Schedule, pursuant to section 324JJ of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, include it in the National Heritage List.

[signed by the Minister]

Dated 19 June 2008

Peter Robert Garrett AM
Minister for the Environment,
Heritage and the Arts

SCHEDULE**QUEENSLAND****Longreach Shire****Place: QANTAS Hangar Longreach:**

Location: Landsborough Highway, 2km east of Longreach, comprising the whole of the QANTAS Hangar building.

Criterion**Values**

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| <p>(a) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history.</p> | <p>The Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services Ltd (QANTAS) hangar is nationally significant as one of the earliest sites of civil aviation activity in Australia. The hangar is one of the oldest surviving buildings associated with QANTAS and is the only surviving QANTAS building at Longreach Airport. It is the place where Australia's airline, QANTAS, commenced operations and from humble beginnings in this galvanised iron hangar grew to be a successful international air carrier.</p> <p>The place is also important for its association with the commencement of the Aerial Medical Service (the 'Flying Doctor' service), founded by the Reverend John Flynn in 1928, following discussions with Hudson Fysh and Paul J McGinness. QANTAS supplied the first aircraft for the Aerial Medical Service and provided the Service with logistical support from its Longreach base. The Aerial Medical Service grew to become the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (RFDSA), the major provider of medical services across rural Australia.</p> <p>The QANTAS hangar at Longreach Airport is significant in Australian cultural history for its association with the founding decade of QANTAS and its association with the commencement of the Aerial Medical Service.</p> |
| <p>(h) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Australia's natural or cultural history..</p> | <p>The QANTAS hangar at Longreach Airport is nationally significant for its association with the work of Hudson Fysh, Paul J McGinness and Fergus McMaster, who were the central figures in the formation of QANTAS, and Arthur Baird, whose engineering skills were devoted to making the airline a success. The pivotal work of all four in the early days of establishing QANTAS as a viable airline took place at the QANTAS hangar, and the place is significant for its association with the life and work of these men.</p> |

For a description of any references quoted above, and more information on each of the places please search the Australian Heritage Database at <http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/ahdb/search.pl> using the name of the place.