



## Fact Sheet 3 – National Heritage Listing for Broken Hill? Answers to your questions

Three days of community and stakeholder information meetings were held in Broken Hill from 16-18 July 2009 to provide information and receive comments about National Heritage Listing. The most frequently asked question was whether National Heritage listing will affect my house or business. This Fact Sheet addresses questions being asked by the Broken Hill community

### Key facts about the National Heritage List

#### 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. 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 Sydney Harbour Bridge, Kakadu National Park, the Australian Alps and Flemington Racecourse.

#### 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](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/index.html).

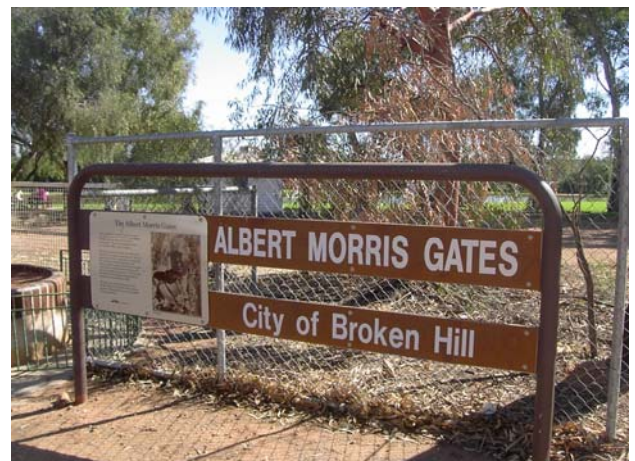
#### Why was Broken Hill nominated?

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) to the National Heritage List.

### How is a place entered in the National Heritage List?

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

- historic value taking into account the mining importance, its 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 its 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
- its association with significant people such as Charles Rasp, WL Baillieu, WS Robertson, GD Delprat, Albert Morris and possibly others.



## How will National Heritage Listing affect Broken Hill?

### 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 approvals requirements on property owners.

### If I want to change the paint colour of my house, renovate my house, build a garage, a shed or a swimming pool in my yard or cut down a tree in my garden will National Heritage listing affect me?

No, it will be 'business as usual', meaning that any Development Applications required under the LEP will be lodged with the Broken Hill City Council in the normal way. There will be no need to refer the proposal to the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

### Will I have to paint my house in heritage colours if the City of Broken Hill is entered in the National Heritage List?

No, the colours you paint your house or your business are your choice. Entry in the National Heritage List will not restrict the choice of paint colours.

### Will listing in the National Heritage List constrain or restrict signage for businesses?

No, it will be 'business as usual' meaning that any Development Applications for signage required under the LEP will be lodged with the Broken Hill City Council in the normal way.

### What if a major development is proposed? What happens then?

A Development Application must accord with the LEP and should be discussed with the Broken Hill City Council in the normal way.

The person proposing the development should also contact the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts to ask if there is an obligation under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* to refer the proposal in case it might have a significant impact on the City's National Heritage values – for example, blocking an important view to the Line of Lode.

## Are other towns/cities heritage listed?

Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout was entered in the National Heritage List last year. Some towns are listed in state heritage lists.



## Comment on the National Heritage Listing

### Can I still make a comment on the National Heritage Listing?

Yes. Comments can be made on-line through the Broken Hill City Council website. Or you can download a comments form or collect one from the Broken Hill City Council offices. You can leave completed forms in the sealed Comments Box at Council, or post, fax or email to:

Australian Heritage Council  
GPO Box 787  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Facsimile: 02 6274 2095  
Email: [ahc@environment.gov.au](mailto:ahc@environment.gov.au)

### When does the submission have to be in by?

The submission must be lodged in the Comments Box or posted to reach the AHC in Canberra by 7 August 2009.

### What is the next step?

The Commonwealth Minister for the Environment makes the decision whether or not to list the City of Broken Hill in the National Heritage List. The decision will be announced publicly.

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