



Australian Government
Australian Heritage Council

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

ASSESSMENT OF ST KILDA ROAD AND ENVIRONS, MELBOURNE FOR NATIONAL HERITAGE LIST

On 13 February 2017, the Minister for the Environment and Energy, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP entered St Kilda Rd and Environs in the National Heritage List under the emergency listing provisions of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (*EPBC Act*). The Minister emergency listed St Kilda Rd and Environs (approximately 147ha, St Kilda Road, Melbourne) for the following National Heritage values:

Values

[Criterion a]. The Domain Parklands including the Alexandra Gardens, the Queen Victoria Gardens, Alexandra Park, the Kings Domain, the Shrine of Remembrance Reserve, the Government House Reserve and the Royal Botanic Gardens, has outstanding national heritage value as a rare nineteenth and early twentieth century parkland, garden and landscaped precinct.

Features which express these values include the designed parkland and garden elements of the Domain Parklands which reflect the history of the park's development over the course of the nineteenth and early twentieth century. The remnant endemic red gums and other rare trees within the Parklands are important. The use of the area for memorialisation (statues, works) up to the mid twentieth century is important, in particular the Queen Victoria Monument, Edward VII Memorial and King George V memorial. The use of the Royal Botanic Garden as an early science precinct is also important.

[Criterion d] The Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne has outstanding national heritage value as an example of a War Memorial built in response to the devastating impact of World War I on the Australian community.

Features which express this value include the Shrine building with its associated ceremonial landscape and smaller commemorative memorials including but not limited to commemorative statues, plantings and other commemorative works. The borrowed landscape of St Kilda Road to the north and south of the Shrine is important. The axial vista north and south along St Kilda Road including its extension north into the City in both directions is particularly important as a purposefully designed axial design feature

[Criterion e] The Shrine of Remembrance has outstanding aesthetic characteristics valued by the Victorian and wider Australian community. These characteristics underpin the function of the building as a memorial and convey the community's respect for those who have served as war veterans in combat and in supporting roles.

Features which express this value include the architectural features of the exterior and interior of the Shrine including but not limited to the stylistic classical references, the use of superior materials, incorporation of sculptural elements (internal and external) and other features which reinforce the commemorative function of the space.

In accordance with s324JN of the EPBC Act, the Australian Heritage Council hereby invites people to comment on the listing.

- (a) The date by which all such comments are to be made is 28 April 2017.
- (b) Comments must be in writing, and must address one or more of the following:

- (i) whether St Kilda Rd and Environs meets any National Heritage criteria; and
 - (ii) whether it should continue to be included in the National Heritage List.
- (c) The Council must consider any written comments received, but in assessing a place against the National Heritage criteria, the Council must not consider any matter that does not relate to the question of whether the place meets the criteria;
- (d) all comments are to be forwarded to one of the following addresses:
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| Australian Heritage Council | or | Australian Heritage Council |
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For information on the National Heritage criteria visit the webpage:
<http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/about/national>. For information on listed places see the Australian Heritage Database online at <http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/ahdb/search.pl>. For a map of the assessment area contact the Department by email: heritage@environment.gov.au.

Hon Dr David Kemp
Chair
Australian Heritage Council
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