

**1. Introduction**

**1.1 - State Party**

Australia

**1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention**

22/08/1974

**1.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of Section I of the Periodic Reporting**

Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage
UNESCO National Commission
World Heritage property managers/coordinators
Non Governmental Organizations
ICOMOS International
IUCN International
ICOMOS national/regional
IUCN national / regional
External experts
Others

**1.4 - Primary government authorities responsible for the implementation of the Convention**

- Ken Heffernan  
Department of the Environment and Heritage  
  
World Heritage Branch
- Bruce Wellington  
Heritage Division  
Assistant Director International Projects Section  
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
- Megan Smith  
  
Assistant Director  
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts  
International Heritage Section
- Michelle Majchrzak-Smith  
International Heritage and Economics Section  
Policy Officer  
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

**Comment**

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**1.5 - Other key institutions responsible**

- Peter Burnett  
First Assistant Secretary, Heritage and Wildlife Division  
Australian Government Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities  
Domain: cultural, natural

**1.6 - Comments**

**2. Inventories / lists / registers for cultural and natural heritage**

**2.1 - Cultural Heritage (Level and Status)**

National	Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state	Not applicable
Local	Not applicable
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Not applicable

**2.2 - Natural Heritage (Level and Status)**

National	Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state	Not applicable
Local	Not applicable
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Not applicable

**2.3 - Are inventories/lists/registers adequate to capture the diversity of cultural and natural heritage in the State Party?**

Inventories/lists/registers capture some of the diversity of cultural and natural heritage.

**2.4 - Are inventories / lists / registers used to protect the identified cultural heritage?**

Inventories / lists / registers are frequently used for the protection of cultural heritage.

**2.5 - Are inventories / lists / registers used to protect the identified natural heritage?**

Inventories / lists / registers are sometimes used for the protection of natural heritage.

**2.6 - Are inventories / lists / registers used for the identification of properties for the Tentative List?**

Inventories / lists / registers are frequently used for the identification of potential World Heritage Properties.

**2.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to inventories / lists / registers of cultural and natural heritage (questions 2.1 to 2.6)**

The State Party manages the World, National & Commonwealth lists, covering natural, Indigenous & historic heritage. States use protected area legislation & inventories. Local Councils use zoning & heritage overlays & inventories. The Register for the National Estate is a formerly statutory list of over 13000 local, regional & national heritage places compiled by the State Party. It is now closed.

**3. Tentative List**

**3.1 - Potential future nominations (Property name / anticipated year of nomination)**

Ningaloo Coast / nominated 2010 /
Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area (extension to existing property) / unknown /

Great Sandy World Heritage Area (Cooloola extension to Fraser Island World Heritage Area) / unknown /
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**3.2 - Tools used for a preliminary assessment of the potential Outstanding Universal Value**

ICOMOS thematic studies
IUCN thematic studies
Filling the gaps – an action plan for the future by ICOMOS, Gaps analysis by IUCN
Meetings to harmonize Tentative Lists within your region
UNESCO's Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List
Other global comparative analysis
Others (please provide details in 3.7)

**3.3 - Level of involvement in the preparation of the Tentative List**

National government institution(s)	Good
Regional / provincial / state / government(s)	Good
Local government(s)	Fair
Other government departments	Fair
UNESCO National Commission	Not applicable
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Good
Local communities / residents	Good
Indigenous peoples	Good
Landowners	Good
Local industries	Good
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Good
Consultants / experts	Good
Site manager / coordinator(s)	Good

**3.4 - Was the authority(ies) listed in question 1.4 responsible for the approval and submission of the Tentative List?**

Yes

**3.5 - If not, what authority(ies) is responsible for the approval and submission of the Tentative List?**

**3.6 - Do you intend to update your Tentative List within the next six years?**

Yes

**3.7 - Comments**

Other sources used include analysis of current UNESCO Tentative List; informal discussions with other States Parties; thematic work by state and regional governments. Process: Australian jurisdictions propose places to the Australian Govt for inclusion in its TL. Decisions for submission of a property to the Centre are made in accordance with processes outlined in the WH Convention.

**4. Nominations**

**4.1 - Property**

Name	Date of submission	Status
Kakadu National Park	1980-08-27	inscribed
Kakadu National Park	1991-10-01	inscribed
The Sydney Opera House in its setting with Harbour Bridge	1980-12-31	withdrawn

Name	Date of submission	Status
Sydney Opera House	2006-01-26	inscribed
Willandra Lakes Region	1980-12-31	inscribed
Lord Howe Island Group	1981-12-23	inscribed
Australian East Coast Temperate and Sub-Tropical Rainforest Parks	1985-11-20	inscribed
Gondwana Rainforests of Australia	1992-09-29	inscribed
Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park	1986-12-31	inscribed
Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park	1994-10-04	inscribed
Shark Bay, Western Australia	1990-09-28	inscribed
Fraser Island	1991-10-01	inscribed
Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (Riversleigh / Naracoorte)	1993-09-30	inscribed
Greater Blue Mountains Area	1998-06-30	inscribed
Purnululu National Park	2002-01-25	inscribed
Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens	2002-12-31	inscribed
Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens	2010-01-28	
Australian Convict Sites	2008-01-25	Incomplete
Australian Convict Sites	2008-10-08	inscribed
Ningaloo Coast	2010-01-28	
Western Tasmanian Wilderness National Parks	1981-11-13	inscribed
Tasmanian Wilderness	1988-12-28	inscribed
Tasmanian Wilderness	2010-02-01	
Wet Tropics of Queensland	1987-12-21	inscribed
Subantarctic Heard Island and McDonald Island	1990-09-28	
Heard and McDonald Islands	1996-07-01	inscribed
Macquarie Island	1991-10-01	inscribed
Macquarie Island	1996-07-01	inscribed
Great Barrier Reef	1980-12-23	inscribed

**Comment**

4.1 Kakadu has been inscribed three times: 1981 (Stage 1), 1987 (Stages 1, 2) and 1992 (Stages 1,2,3).

**4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations**

National government institution(s)	Good
Regional / provincial / state government(s)	Good
Local government(s)	Good
Other government departments	Good
UNESCO National Commission	Not applicable
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Good
Local communities / residents	Good
Indigenous peoples	Good
Landowners	Good
Local industries	Good
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Good
Consultants / experts	Good
Site manager / coordinator	Good

**4.3 - Perceived benefits of inscribing properties on the World Heritage List**

Strengthened protection of sites (legislative, regulatory, institutional and / or traditional)	High benefit
Enhanced conservation practices	High benefit
Catalyst for wider community appreciation of heritage	High benefit
Improved presentation of sites	High benefit
Enhanced honour / prestige	High benefit
Increased funding	Some benefit
Additional tool for lobbying / political influence	Some benefit
Stimulus for enhanced partnerships	Not applicable
Increased recognition for tourism and public use	High benefit



**conservation, protection and presentation of cultural and natural heritage?**

In general, cooperation exists between different levels of government for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but there are still deficiencies.

**6.4 - Are the services provided by the agencies / institutions adequate for the conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage properties in your country?**

There is adequate capacity within services to conserve, protect and present World Heritage properties.

**6.5 - Comments**

6.1, 6.3: Forums (eg AWHAC, CNHA, EPHC) exist for cross-jurisdictional collaboration between ministers responsible for heritage & between officials representing different heritage agencies, & site managers. Govts are attempting to reduce duplication & improve quality control. There are programs/forums to improve traditional & technical skills for conserving, protecting & presenting heritage.

**7. Scientific and Technical Studies and Research**

**7.1 - Is there a research programme or project specifically for the benefit of World Heritage properties?**

There is some research specifically addressing World Heritage.

**7.2 - Research projects**

- Cooperative Research Facility for Tropical Rainforest Ecology and Management (Rainforest CRC) / 1993-2006  
national, regional  
natural  
[http://www.rrrc.org.au/rfrcrc/downloads/rainforestcrc\\_library.pdf](http://www.rrrc.org.au/rfrcrc/downloads/rainforestcrc_library.pdf)  
programs of research focussed on the conservation management of the Wet Tropics
- Marine and Tropical Science Research Facility (MTRSF) / 2006-present  
national, regional  
natural  
Peer-reviewed journal articles stemming from MTRSF funded research can be located via the various journal websites. Where possible, the following lists provide direct links to journal articles on the web.  
Replaced Rainforest CRC in 2006
- Implications of climate change for Australia's World Heritage properties: a preliminary assessment / 2006-2009  
local, regional, national  
natural, cultural  
<http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/publications/climatechange/>  
Committed to protecting the values of Australia's World Heritage properties, in 2006 the Australian Government asked the Australian National University to assess the exposure, potential impacts & adaptive capacity of Australia's World Heritage properties to climate change & to identify major knowledge gaps. This resulting report will inform management plans & government policy on World Heritage & climate change adaptation plans into the future.

- Economic Activity of Australia's World Heritage Areas / 2008  
local, regional, national  
natural, cultural  
<http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/publications/report/index.html>  
As well as protecting the cultural and natural heritage for which they are listed, Australia's World Heritage sites can stimulate economic activity nationally and in the region, state or territory where they are located.
- World Heritage, World Futures: A sustainable conservation project for the Royal Exhibition Building / ongoing  
local  
cultural  
<http://136.154.202.7/reb/about-us/world-heritage-world-futures/>  
Museum Victoria, in collaboration with a number of partners, is now undertaking a major project to restore the 1880 layout of the 'German Garden'.

**7.3 - Comments**

There are many scientific and technical studies around Australia relating to cultural or natural heritage. See individual World Heritage property reports, part 2, for publications resulting from site-specific research programs.

**8. Financial Status and Human Resources**

**8.1 - Sources of funding**

National government funds	Major source of fixed term funding
Other levels of government (provincial, state, local)	Major source of sustained funding
International assistance from the World Heritage Fund	Not applicable
International multilateral funding (e.g. World Bank, IDB, European Union)	Not applicable
International bilateral funding (e.g. AFD, GTZ, DGCS, GEF, etc.)	Not applicable
NGOs (international and / or national)	Minor source of fixed term funding
Private sector funds	Minor source of sustained funding
Other (Please specify in 8.6)	Minor source of fixed term funding

**8.2 - Involvement of State Party in the establishment of foundations or associations for raising funds and donation for the protection of World Heritage**

No

**8.3 - National policies for the allocation of site revenues for conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage**

No

**8.4 - Is the current budget sufficient to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage effectively at the national level?**

The available budget is acceptable but could be further improved to fully meet the conservation, protection and presentation needs.



**8.5 - Are available human resources adequate to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage effectively at the national level?**

Human resources are adequate but additional staffing would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

**8.6 - Comments**

The State Party, states & territories participate in partnerships with NGOs, universities & with the private sector to support management, research & threat mitigation in Australia's heritage places. Property owners often provide much of the annual upkeep of locally-recognised heritage buildings. Jurisdictions have policies on revenue allocations at specific sites eg Uluru, Ningaloo.

**9. Training**

**9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs**

- Deakin University / International, national, regional, local / Cultural  
World Heritage module in Master of Cultural Heritage, Graduate Diploma of Cultural Heritage, Grad Certificate in Cultural Heritage, or as a MA or PhD
- Australian National University Institute for Professional Practice in Heritage and the Arts / International, national, regional, local / both (but emphasis on cultural)  
Professional development courses; or as part of a graduate program in the Research School of Humanities' Liberal Arts program, offering Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, Masters
- University of Queensland / international, national, regional, local / primarily cultural  
Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters in Museum Studies; possibility of MA, PhD
- Donald Horne Institute for Cultural Heritage, University of Canberra / International, national, regional, local / cultural  
Bachelor degrees, short courses for professionals and community organisations
- University of Tasmania Faculty of Science, Engineering and Technology / national, regional, local / predominantly natural  
Bachelor degrees, Graduate Diplomas, Masters and higher degree, plus training courses in wilderness and protected area management

**9.2 - Training needs**

Conservation	Medium priority
Education	Low priority
Promotion	Medium priority
Interpretation	Low priority
Administration	Low priority
Visitor management	Medium priority
Community outreach	Medium priority
Risk preparedness	Low priority
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Medium priority
Other	Not applicable

**9.3 - Does the State Party have a national training/ educational strategy to strengthen capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation?**

There is no national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation but nonetheless this is being done on an ad hoc basis.

**9.4 - Comments**

Many Australian tertiary institutions offer training in heritage law, conservation, protection & presentation of cultural, archaeological & natural heritage, & museum & maritime heritage studies, at undergraduate, postgraduate & professional level. This is generally a matter for individual institutions.

**10. International Cooperation**

**10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties**

Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Financial support
Sharing expertise for capacity building
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars
Distribution of material / information
Other (please specify in 10.3)

**10.2 - Twinned World Heritage properties with others**

Yes

**10.3 - Comments**

10.1.10 \*Funds & manages projects for WH nominations/heritage training/management/conservation in PNG, Pacific Is countries, Indonesia, Cambodia; \*tourism workshops (Mogao) & Pacific WH workshops (Cairns, Maupiti & Apia); \*Pacific WH thematic studies; \*implementing Pacific World Heritage Hub for training, funding and networking in the Pacific. 10.2 Wet Tropics (Qld) twinned with Lorentz & E Rennell

**11. Education, Information and Awareness Building**

**11.1. Media used for World Heritage sites promotion**

**11.1.1 - Publications**

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional
Local

**11.1.2 - Films / TV**

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Regional

**11.1.3 - Media campaigns**

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Regional
Local

**11.1.4 - Internet**

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional
Local

**11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals**

Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional
Local

**11.1.6 - World Heritage Day**

Not applicable
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**11.1.7 - Translation and diffusion of publications made available by the World Heritage Centre**

Not applicable
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**11.1.8 - Other (please specify in 11.1.8)**

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Regional
Local

**11.1.9 - Comments**

WH publication from 2008 still in print and still distributed; WH Convict sites coins and stamps Feb 2011; WH sites have been promoted on QANTAS flights in magazines and short documentaries; Heritage division website and magazines; Australian Heritage Week promotes all Australian heritage; WH Education Places competition for Schools is an interactive education program featuring Australia's WH Places has been developed for students in years 5-10 focusing on WH values and Australia's WH places.

**11.2. Education, Information and Awareness Building**

**11.2.1 - Strategy to raise awareness among different stakeholders**

There are strategies to raise awareness about conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage that are being effectively implemented.

**11.2.2 - Level of general awareness**

Private Sector	Fair
Youth	Fair
Communities living in/around heritage sites	Good
Tourism industry	Good
Decision makers and public officials	Good
Indigenous peoples	Fair
General public	Fair

**11.2.3 - Does the State Party participate in UNESCO's World Heritage in Young Hands programme?**

The State Party does not participate in UNESCO's *World Heritage in Young Hands programme*.

**11.2.4 - Level of frequency of activities**

Courses for teachers for the use of the <i>World Heritage in Young Hands Kit</i>	Never
Courses/activities for students within the school programmes	Often
Youth Forums	Never
Skills-training courses for students	Occasionally
Organized school visits to World Heritage properties/cultural and natural sites	Often
Activities linked to heritage within the framework of UNESCO Clubs/Associations	Occasionally
Other (comment below)	Never

**11.2.5 - Comments**

Australia's World Heritage Places Education Program is an interactive education program, including teacher resources and information sheets, developed for students in years 5-10 focussing on WH values & Australia's 18 WH places. The program aims to inspire students to explore our unique WH listed places & develop an appreciation of heritage values. <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/education/index.html> The State Party has participated in the Patrimoinito Storyboard competition

**12. Conclusions and Recommended Actions**

**12.1. State Party's implementation of the World Heritage Convention**

**12.1.1 - Identification of heritage**

<b>Identification of heritage</b>
Inventories capture some of the diversity of cultural and natural heritage.
Inventories / lists / registers are frequently used for the identification of potential World Heritage Properties.

**12.1.2 - National Inventories**

<b>National Inventories</b>
National : Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state : Not applicable
National : Process completed or continually updated
Regional / provincial / state : Not applicable

**12.1.3 - Tentative List**

<b>Tentative List</b>
Yes

**12.1.4 - Legal framework**

<b>Legal framework</b>
There is excellent capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework .

**12.1.5 - Implementation of international conventions within national policies**

<b>Implementation of international conventions within national policies</b>
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**12.1.6 - Communities**

<b>Communities</b>
Local communities / residents: Good
Level of involvement / consultation of local landowners: Good
Level of involvement / consultation of local industries: Good
Local communities / residents: Good
Indigenous peoples: Good
Landowners: Good

**12.1.7 - Larger-scale planning**

<b>Larger-scale planning</b>
There are policies that are effectively implemented.

**12.1.8 - Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation**

<b>Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation</b>
In general, cooperation exists between different levels of government for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but there are still deficiencies.

**12.1.9 - Scientific and Technical Studies and Research**

<b>Scientific and Technical Studies and Research</b>
There is some research specifically addressing World Heritage.

**12.1.10 - Financial status**

<b>Financial status</b>
The available budget is acceptable but could be further improved to fully meet the conservation, protection and presentation needs.

**12.1.11 - Human resources**

<b>Human resources</b>
Human resources are adequate but additional staffing would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

**12.1.12 - Training**

<b>Training</b>
Ad hoc basis for national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation.

**12.1.13 - International cooperation**

<b>International cooperation</b>
Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Financial support
Sharing expertise for capacity building
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars

<b>International cooperation</b>
Distribution of material / information
Other (please specify in 10.3)

**12.1.14 - Education, Information and awareness building**

<b>Education, Information and awareness building</b>
Private Sector : Fair
Youth : Fair
Communities living in/around heritage sites : Good

**12.2. Actions for the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* (identified from table 12.1).**

**12.2.1 - Please select the top issues (up to six)**

Please refer to question 5.2

12.3. Priority Actions Assessment

12.3.2 - Priority actions assessment

9 Training						
		Action	Short description	Authority(ies) responsible	Timeframe	May this action require International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund?
9.3	Ad hoc basis for national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation.	Heritage training policy under consideration by the Australian, New Zealand, state & territory governments - focus is on fabric and historic heritage.	A 2010 cross-jurisdictional review of heritage trades & professional training (focus on architecture, built environment, fabric, landscape management, underwater) produced a list of recommendations including consistency in compliance, standards@ulation	Shared responsibility - Australian Govt funded the review. Cross-jurisdictional implementation - states and territories, New Zealand, education departments and planning departments	ongoing	No.



**12.3.3 - Additional actions for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention**

The Australian Government is developing several national initiatives to raise public awareness and celebrate Australia’s heritage. This includes the inaugural Australian Heritage Week (April 2011) & an Australian Heritage Strategy (in development)

**13. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise**

**13.1 - Was the questionnaire easy to use and clear to understand?**

No

**13.2 - Please provide suggestions for improvement:**

Much larger character limit required in additional comments sections which are completely inadequate. Lack of clarity of many questions. Questions/available multi-choice responses often mismatched. Need more or better-expressed choices in answers. Cannot print out complete answers and questions in word version. Pre-fill is confusing.

**13.3 - Please rate the level of support from the following entities for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire**

World Heritage Centre	Fair
UNESCO (other sectors)	Not applicable
UNESCO National Commission	Not applicable
ICOMOS International	Not applicable
IUCN International	Not applicable
ICCROM	Not applicable
ICOMOS national / regional	Good
IUCN national / regional	Fair

**13.4 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?**

Most required information was accessible

**13.5 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from the previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities**

UNESCO	Not applicable
Advisory Bodies	Not applicable
State Party	Not applicable
Site Managers	Not applicable

**13.6 - Comments**

Read-only access required. Also, the capacity to provide access only to individual property reports or to Part 1 only. Need to be able to print out the entire report, including questions and full answers.

**14. Thank you**