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Canberra Declaration on the Heritage Listing and Heritage Conservation of Canberra's Cultural Landscape 3 November 2013

The Centenary of Canberra is a symbolic occasion for Australia's national capital to celebrate the heritage significance of Canberra. Over one hundred years Canberra has evolved as a significant urban landscape that is the capital of the Australian nation and the home of a substantial and diverse community.

On the occasion (28-31 October) of the first annual meeting of the ICOMOS-IFLA International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes (ISCCL) in Australia and the first Asia-Pacific regional meeting of the International Scientific Committee on Cultural Routes (CIIC) in Australia and on the occasion of a joint ISC symposium, and not the occasion of the Australia ICOMOS national conference to celebrate the Centenary of Canberra (31 October to 3 November).

While meeting in Canberra to strengthen research, management practice and the conservation of heritage and cultural landscapes as well as celebrating the heritage of one of the world's most important 20th Century cities, the members of ISCCL and CIIC along with heritage experts attending the 2013 combined International Scientific Committee and Australia ICOMOS Centenary of Canberra conference unanimously confirmed the following:

- 1 The importance of conserving and respecting the heritage of Indigenous Australians of Ngunnawal country.
- 2 The importance of conserving and enhancing the pioneering planning work of architect and landscape architect Walter Burley Griffin with the supporting professional work of Marion Mahony Griffin, in recognition of his outstanding design and planning contribution of the City of Canberra.
- 3 The importance of conserving significant city planning, planting and development work of John Sulman, Charles Weston, Lindsay Pryor and the National Capital Development Commission.
- 4 The priority of the historic urban landscape in Canberra, the heritage landscape significance of the green system of the central lake and its parklands and delineation of the city structure by the naturally vegetated city hills.
- 5 The inseparability of people's significant associations with cultural landscapes along with the interconnectivity of natural and cultural landscape values.



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- 6 The significance of aesthetic importance in the heritage cultural landscapes.
- 7 That heritage landscape protection including cultural landscapes and routes is required at the local, national and global levels in order to transmit universally valuable heritage resources to future generations.
- 8 The importance of effective protective planning for conserving Canberra's national heritage values.

It is the declaration of Australia ICOMOS and the ICOMOS-IFLA International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscape and the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Cultural Routes therefore recommend that Canberra be listed on Australia's National Heritage List for its national and international importance.