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**MELBOURNE'S DOMAIN PARKLAND & MEMORIAL PRECINCT
EARNS PERMANENT PLACE ON NATIONAL HERITAGE LIST**

One of Australia's outstanding government domains and an area which takes in landmarks such as Government House Victoria, the Domain Parklands, Melbourne Observatory and Shrine of Remembrance as well as some of Melbourne's best known vistas has been permanently added to Australia's National Heritage List.

The area, to be known as Melbourne's Domain Parkland and Memorial Precinct, secured emergency heritage protection in February 2017, in the face of development pressures from Melbourne's Metro Rail Project.

"Last year, I urged the Victorian Government to consider the impacts from the Melbourne Metro Rail Project on this important part of the city and approved St Kilda Road and Environs for interim listing," Minister Frydenberg said.

"The permanent listing means this significant historic site and grand old part of Melbourne will be protected from future actions that may impact its National Heritage values.

"It's good news for Melburnians and all Australians interested in our nation's story."

The new Melbourne's Domain Parkland and Memorial Precinct National Heritage place encompasses 109 hectares south of the CBD between St Kilda Road and the Yarra River.

Much of the Precinct was developed over the course of the nineteenth century, including during the Victorian gold rush – a boom time for growth in Melbourne. Melbourne embraced its status as one of the world's great cities with ambitious plans for boulevards, parks and places for scientific research and discovery.

The Precinct also became a gathering place to commemorate significant events and people. It is home to the Shrine of Remembrance, built to honour those who lost their lives in war. It also includes the King's Domain Resting Place which is the commemorative burial place for 38 Victorian Aboriginal people.

The permanent inclusion of Melbourne's Domain Parkland and Memorial Precinct in the National Heritage List cannot affect decisions made before the site's listing, including those allowing trees to be removed from St Kilda Road, but will protect it from future actions that may impact its National Heritage values.

"The Precinct will now have ongoing protection as a National Heritage place and join the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Melbourne Cricket Ground as one of Australia's most prestigious heritage sites," Minister Frydenberg said.

For more information on this listing, go to:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/national/melbourne-domain-parkland-memorial-precinct>

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