



Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL VALUES AND THE EXPANSION OF BOUNDARIES TO
THE COMMONWEALTH HERITAGE LIST
FOR THE
VILLAWOOD IMMIGRATION CENTRE

I, Sussan Ley, Minister for the Environment, having considered in relation to the Villawood Immigration Centre, a place listed on the Commonwealth Heritage List (Place ID:105543):

- (a) the Australian Heritage Council's assessment of the place under section 341JG of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Act) that meets the threshold for two additional Commonwealth Heritage values described in the Schedule of this instrument (criteria (b) and (c) under section 10.03A of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000*) and the Council's advice that the boundary should be expanded;

- (b) the comments given to the Council under sections 341JF and 341JG of the Act; and

being satisfied that the place described in the Schedule has the additional Commonwealth Heritage values and expanded boundaries specified in the Schedule, pursuant to section 341JI(1) of the Act, include the specified Commonwealth Heritage values and the expansion of boundaries to Villawood Immigration Centre (Place ID:105543) .

This instrument will take effect immediately after the commencement of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (Villawood Immigration Centre—Removal of Commonwealth Heritage Value) Instrument 2022*.

Dated 30th March 2022

Sussan Ley
Minister for the Environment

SCHEDULE

NEW SOUTH WALES

NAME: Villawood Immigration Centre

DESCRIPTION OF PLACE:

The nominated area is located in the suburb of Villawood approximately 27km west of the City of Sydney. The area is approximately 17 hectares in size and comprises the whole of land parcel 102/DP 1041971. See attached map.

<i>Criterion</i>	<i>Values</i>
(b) the place has significant heritage value because of the place's possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of Australia's natural or cultural history.	<p>Villawood remains the only migrant hostel site in New South Wales, with fabric that demonstrates the development of Australia's migration accommodation program from the post war to the present day.</p> <p>Natural heritage</p> <p>There is a remnant stand of Cumberland Plain Shale Woodlands and Shale-Gravel Transition Forest in the south-east area of the place. This ecological community is listed under the EPBC Act as critically endangered. The remnant stand also supports two flora species of regional conservation significance and has the potential to support <i>Acacia pubescens</i>, which is listed under the EPBC Act as vulnerable, including seeds that may remain in the soil.</p> <p>The large remnant, hollow-bearing trees located throughout the site are also valued for their provision of potential habitat for native fauna, including threatened fauna species.</p> <p>Attributes</p> <p>Features which express these values include the remnant stand of Cumberland Plain Shale Woodlands and Shale-Gravel Transition Forest including its immediate and nearby soil profile, all large trees with hollows and all of the remaining former migrant hostel-built features.</p>
(c) the place has significant heritage value because of the place's potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history.	<p>There is a remnant stand of Cumberland Plain Shale Woodlands and Shale-Gravel Transition Forest in the south-east of the place. This ecological community is listed under the EPBC Act as critically endangered. The remnant stand also supports two flora species of regional conservation significance and has the potential to support <i>Acacia pubescens</i>, which is listed under the EPBC Act as vulnerable. As a rare remnant of this ecological community, it has potential to yield information about this area's pre-settlement vegetation and past wider ecological patterns now remnant or extinct in the wider Cumberland Plain area.</p> <p>Features which express these values include the remnant stand of Cumberland Plain Shale Woodlands and Shale-Gravel Transition Forest.</p>



VILLAWOOD IMMIGRATION CENTRE REVISED BOUNDARY

Commonwealth Heritage List
- Place Under Assessment

Place ID: 106158

Land parcel
Nominated Boundary



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