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FAMOUS OLYMPIC ICON NOMINATED FOR HERITAGE LISTING

Public comment is being sought on a proposal to list the Sydney Olympic cauldron on the State Heritage Register.

NSW Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the opening ceremony is considered to be a triumph of Australian showmanship, watched by hundreds of millions of people around the world.

“The cauldron is a reminder of this iconic event in the State’s history and its lighting by Cathy Freeman was one of the most enduring images of the 2000 Olympics.

“State heritage listing would mean the cauldron is protected under the Heritage Act for future generations.”

Member for Auburn, Barbara Perry, said any major works for the site in the future would be subject to decisions or advice from the NSW Heritage Council.

“I encourage all interested members of the community to provide feedback on the proposal,” Ms Perry said.

The proposed listing is on public exhibition until 22 July 2010.

Submissions can be made:

- In writing to the Heritage Council of NSW. Locked Bag 5020, Parramatta NSW 2124;
- By phoning 1800 789 290; or
- Emailing bronwyn.hanna@planning.nsw.gov.au.