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ANZAC MEMORIAL CONSIDERED FOR STATE HERITAGE LISTING

The ANZAC Memorial in Sydney's Hyde Park is to be considered for listing on the State Heritage Register.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said since its completion in 1934, the iconic building had been an important place of commemoration, especially on ANZAC Day.

"As well as being a monument to the sacrifices of Australian servicemen and women, the ANZAC Memorial building has long been considered one of Australia's greatest works of public art," the Minister said.

"The result of a creative collaboration between architect Bruce Dellit and sculptor Rayner Hoff, the ANZAC Memorial is arguably the finest expression of Art Deco monumentality in Australia.

"It's also closely linked to the landing of Australian troops at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915, with fundraising for the memorial established on the first anniversary of the landing."

The building is associated with returned servicemen and women and their various organisations, including the RSL, which lobbied for the erection of the monument and occupied offices within it.

Mr Kelly said the memorial represents NSW's contribution to the group of national war memorials developed by each State capital during the inter-war period.

"As a result, its heritage importance has a number of different dimensions including historical, aesthetic and social significance, and should it be considered for the State's highest form of heritage protection," the Minister said.

The proposed listing, which follows the Government's recent listing of three other iconic Sydney buildings – the Sydney Town Hall, the Queen Victoria Building and Luna Park – will be exhibited for public comment until Monday, March 22.

The nomination for State heritage listing was made by the NSW Chapter of the National Trust and further details can be found on the Department of Planning's Heritage Branch website at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing.

Following the public exhibition, the Heritage Council of NSW will consider any submissions lodged and make a recommendation to the Minister.
