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Dear Mr Parker

National Heritage List assessment: Fitzgerald River-Ravensthorpe Range area

I am writing to inform you that the Australian Heritage Council (Council) is assessing the Fitzgerald River-Ravensthorpe Range area for possible inclusion in the National Heritage List. The National Heritage List recognises places that are of outstanding national heritage value to the nation for their natural, Indigenous or historic heritage values. The Council's initial assessment for this site is that it might have natural heritage values. A draft map of the area under consideration is at Attachment A.

In accordance with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, the Council must take all practical steps to identify each person who is an owner or occupier of all or part of the place, and Indigenous persons who have rights or interests in all or part of the place, and give them an opportunity to comment in writing on whether the place should be considered for inclusion in the National Heritage List and whether the place meets any of the National Heritage criteria.

Please provide any written comments by 18 July 2014 to:

Australian Heritage Council
GPO Box 787
CANBERRA ACT 2601
Email: naturalheritage@environment.gov.au

Please note that this is a consultation step in the assessment process. All comments received will be taken into account by the Council in assessing potential National Heritage values and will be provided to the Australian Government Minister for the Environment for consideration when making his decision on whether to include the place, or part of the place, in the National Heritage List.

Further information on the National Heritage assessment of this place is available at Attachment B or by contacting the Department by email at naturalheritage@environment.gov.au or by phone on 02 6275 9667. Information on the nomination of this place is available online at the Australian Heritage Database (www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/ahdb/search.pl) searching by the name of the place. Information on the National Heritage List is available at <http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/heritage/about-australias-heritage/national-heritage>.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment A: Current focus of National Heritage Assessment – Fitzgerald River-Ravensthorpe area
Attachment B: Information sheet on Fitzgerald River-Ravensthorpe National Heritage Assessment



Fitzgerald River–Ravensthorpe Range Area Assessment of National Heritage values

The National Heritage List

The National Heritage List has been established to recognise places of outstanding heritage significance to Australia. It includes natural, historic and Indigenous places.

There are currently 100 places in the National Heritage List, including iconic landmarks such as Bondi Beach, Uluru Kata-Tjuta, the Great Barrier Reef and Port Arthur Historic Site.

Why might the Fitzgerald-Ravensthorpe Range area have National Heritage values?

The Australian Heritage Council is assessing an area focused on the Fitzgerald River National Park and Ravensthorpe Range for National Heritage values.

Values are assessed against National heritage criteria. The Council's preliminary assessment is that the place might meet National Heritage criteria for:

- **natural processes** relating to its diverse and endemic flora and fauna
- **representativeness** of the extraordinary richness of the south west Australian flora
- **community involvement** in natural resource management

What would National Heritage Listing mean?

Places included in the National Heritage List are protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

This means that approval must be obtained before any action takes place that could have a significant impact on the National Heritage values of a listed place.

Pre-existing and minor work with no significant impact affecting the National Heritage values will not need this approval.

National Heritage Listing is an acknowledgement of the importance of a place, it does not change land tenure or ownership and is not the same as a National Park.

Places in the National Heritage List receive national attention and can benefit from increased domestic and international tourism.

How can I make a submission?

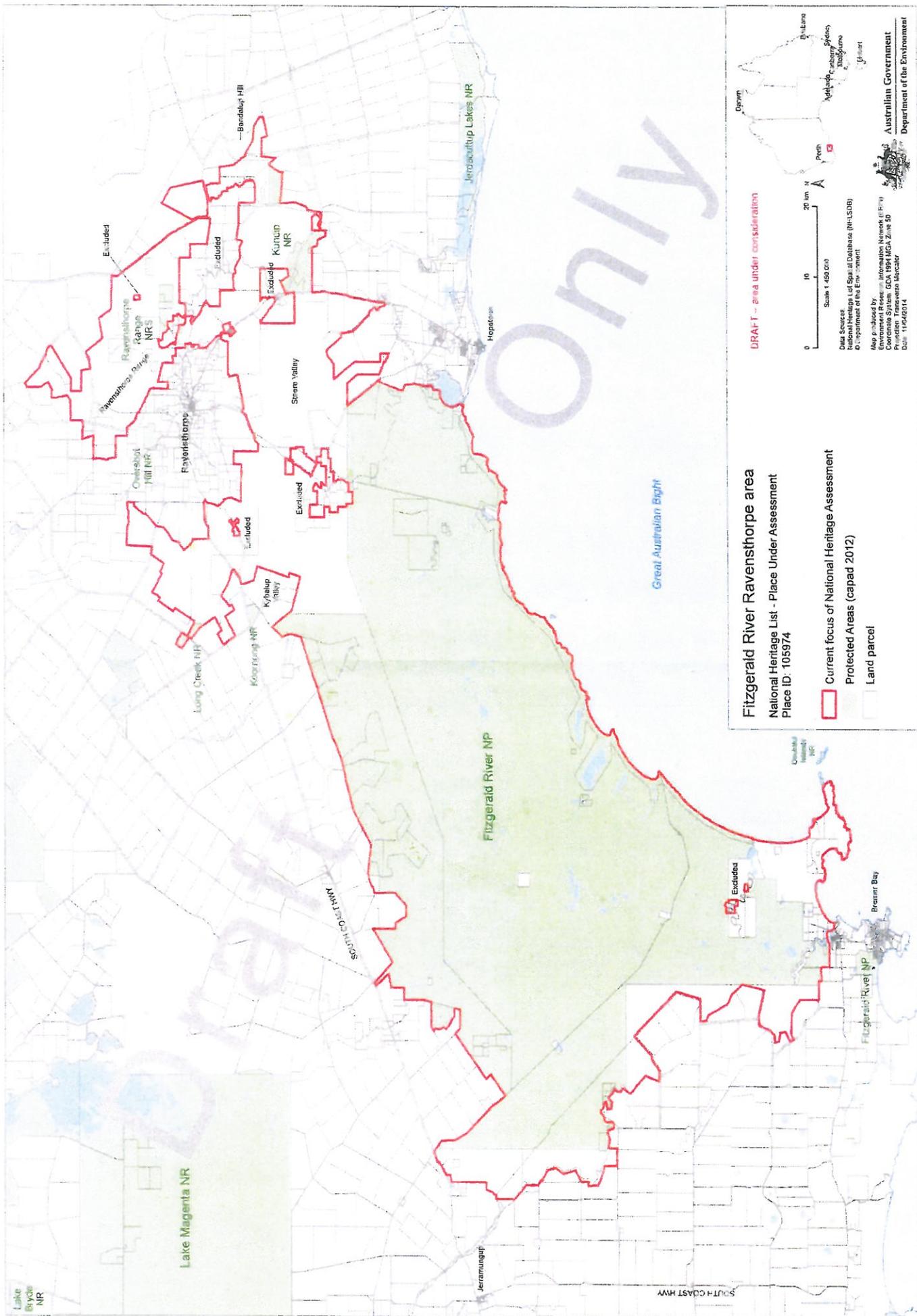
The assessment of National Heritage values under the EPBC Act requires that all practicable steps are taken to advise owners, occupiers and Indigenous people with rights and/or interests in the place and provide the opportunity for them to comment in writing on whether the place should be considered for inclusion in the National Heritage List. Submissions can be made to naturalheritage@environment.gov.au until 18 July 2014.

What is the next step?

Following the close of the submission period, the Australian Heritage Council will give a report on the heritage values to the Australian Government Minister for the Environment. The Minister will decide whether to include the place in the National Heritage List taking into account the Council's report and submissions collected through this consultation process. The Minister may also seek, and have regard to, information or advice from any source.

Where can I get more information on the National Heritage List?

Information about the National Heritage List, the assessment criteria and other places on the list can be found at <http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/heritage/heritage-places>.



Fitzgerald River Ravensthorpe area
 National Heritage List - Place Under Assessment
 Place ID: 105974

- Current focus of National Heritage Assessment
- Protected Areas (capad 2012)
- Land parcel

DRAFT - area under consideration

Scale 1:450 000
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 Data Source: National Heritage List Spatial Database (NHLSDB)
 Department of the Environment

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 Coordinate System: GDA 1994 MGA Zone 50
 Date: 11/02/2014

