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## **Management arrangements for World Heritage listed sites**

Following is the fifth and final article in a series of questions and answers about the implications of the potential World Heritage listing for the Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historic Area. The Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, the Hon Vicky Jack MLA, today thanked the Commonwealth officers involved in preparing the information, which she was sure had been of help to community members wishing to know more about what might be involved in World Heritage listing for KAVHA.

#### **Q. Who looks after World Heritage properties?**

A. The Australian Government works together with the appropriate State or Territory Government in the management arrangements once an area is inscribed on the World Heritage List.

The actual management arrangements vary from area to area. For example, management of the four World Heritage properties in New South Wales is undertaken by State Government agencies. In the case of the Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics of Queensland, joint Australian/Queensland management arrangements apply, with on-ground management being carried out by State Government agencies. Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is owned by the Aboriginal community who leases it to the Australian Government Director of National Parks, which manages the property as a national park. Kakadu National Park was inscribed on the World Heritage List in three stages over eleven years. Stages 1 and 3 of Kakadu is Aboriginal land, Stage 2 encompasses Commonwealth-owned land which is currently subject to land claims. The Director of National Parks is also responsible for the day-to-day management of the Park.

#### **Q. Who is responsible for management plans for World Heritage properties?**

A. Management plans are prepared by either the Australian Government or State or Territory agency responsible for each World Heritage property. Guidelines for these management plans are established under the EPBC Act which includes provision for consultation with interested people, and allows for a period of comment on a draft plan.

The Australian Government encourages the States and Territories to include in the management plan a section explaining Australia's international obligation to protect World

Heritage values and the legislative and administrative arrangements in place to fulfil these obligations.

Special arrangements may also be put in place to document management arrangements for private lands within World Heritage properties, or other lands not covered by statutory management plans.

More information on World Heritage issues is available from the UNESCO World Heritage website <http://whc.unesco.org/en/about/> or the Department of the Environment and Water Resources site <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/worldheritage/>

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