Top Nominations for consideration for National Top Ten
Our Heritage at Risk 2009

| Place | State | Type | Significance | Nature of threat | Risk | current status (fate) | Description | Desired Solution |
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| **Grey Shack Community** | WA | precinct residential | historic, social | Development | Destruction through Government Policy | Immediate risk – no solution agreed | Under the State Government's Squatter Policy, communities such as Grey have been removed. Grey, along with Wedge are the last remaining squatter settlements north of Perth. These communities have strong historical and social values and their removal will not only have a physical impact but will destroy a tradition and way of life which has existed for many decades across Australia. | Heritage recognition and a management plan developed which incorporates equitable tenure arrangements but also conserves and promotes the historical significance of Grey and protects the surrounding environment of the area, following the example that has been put in place for other shack communities (e.g. Royal National Park, NSW) |
| **Phoebe Abbey's House** | WA | residential | aesthetic, historic, | Demolition by Neglect | Destruction | Immediate risk – no solution agreed | Phoebe Abbey's House has been vacant for some years and is its condition has deteriorated (an example of demolition by neglect). The building has been subject to lack of maintenance, vandalism and recently was almost destroyed by fire. | Secure building against further illegal entry. Ensure building is weatherproofed. Discuss conservation of building with present (or future owners) and request that the place be added to the Heritage Council's assessment program. |
| **Gwalla Mining Precinct** | WA | precinct - historical | historic, social, | Destruction | At Risk – no solution agreed | Surviving | The inclusion of the Church and Cemetery on the state's Register of Heritage Places is to be commended. However, the ruins of the stone cottages that once housed the workers together with the stonewalls that once delineated the "village" and the Gwalla Mine shaft and associated archaeological ruins together with the site of the first railway station have not been included in the listing. The importance of all of the sites in the precinct needs to be recognised and included | The recommendations of the Conservation Policy have not been followed - retaining site lines to the Church, retaining the agricultural fields around the Church site. The presence of the stone cottages and their place in this precinct has already been seriously compromised. The Precinct is a cultural landscape and should be retained as such with no sub-division allowed on the southern and western sides of the |
| **Berkshire Valley** | WA | historical - residential | aesthetic, historic, social, | Deterioration | At Risk - no solution agreed | Suffering | Berkshire Valley Farm comprises a farming property incorporating a number of Colonial farm buildings in the Victorian Georgian style. Many of the buildings and structures that comprise this place are deteriorating. The owner is aware of the heritage value of the place but is unwilling to have his property listed by the state so the place was removed from the State Register | The Heritage Minister of Western Australia should be approached and the importance of this property conveyed to him and the property reinstated on the Register. The National Trust, the Heritage Council and the Shire of Moora should form a partnership to ensure that conservation works are implemented on this property and attempts should be made by the National Trust to discuss the implications of heritage listing with the owner. |
| **Gwambygine Farm** | WA | precinct-residential | aesthetic, historic, social, representative, rarity | Deterioration | Immediate risk – no solution agreed | Suffering | Due to a lack of use, absence of ongoing maintenance and poor quality repairs using concrete, the farm, its buildings and other structures are deteriorating. The farmhouse is at risk of collapsing due to the poor condition of the roof. | Conservation works are required to stop deterioration and ensure this place is adequately maintained. A management arrangement with the National Trust or other community conservation group would provide access to funds to allow urgent works to take place. |
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| 9 | **Risk level- 1 (lowest) - 5 (highest)** | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | **Risk degree - 1 (less likely) - 5 (imminent)** | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | **Outcome if no action: 1 (stuffed) - 5 (saved)** | | | | | | | | |