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National Trust commends addition of Old Government House to National Heritage List

The National Trust of Australia (NSW) is delighted that one of its signature properties, Old Government House, Parramatta, has been added to the National Heritage List. The Trust has long recognized and promoted its significance as a key heritage site. This listing is confirmation of its status.

The listing includes Old Government House and the Governor's Domain at Parramatta, (represented by Parramatta Park).

The 1810 Georgian mansion and the Government Domain was one of eight Australian convict sites across New South Wales, Tasmania and Norfolk Island to receive this prestigious heritage honour today.

Further reinforcing the site's importance, in January 2007, the Australian Government nominated Old Government House and the Domain, with 10 other convict sites across the nation, for serial listing on the World Heritage List. These sites tell a compelling story of the global history of forced migration.

Old Government House and the Domain constituted the 'command post' of the convict site, says Trust Executive Director, Tina Jackson.

"This site is a powerful symbol of the colony of NSW, the inter connections with convict sites in other colonies and the development of the nation," she said.

Old Government House is Australia's oldest public building. For seven decades, it was the 'country' residence of 12 early governors of the colony, including Governor and Mrs Macquarie who, from 1810 to 1821, preferred the clean air and space of rural Parramatta to the unsanitary and crime ridden streets of Sydney Town.

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