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### **ACT National Trust welcomes the addition of the Australian Alps to the National Heritage List**

The ACT National Trust welcomes the announcement by Federal Environment Minister, Peter Garret, of the listing of the Australian Alps to the National Heritage List.

A substantial part of the area listed falls into the ACT including the Brindabella Range and Namadgi National Park.

The ACT National Trust has had much of the Namadgi area classified since 1985, not only for its outstanding landscape values but also for its human historical values dating back well into the last Ice Age some 20,000 years.

“The area is very significant to our history with much of the evidence of long-term Aboriginal occupation and use still intact in the form of stone artefact scatters, ceremonial sites and the rock shelter paintings of Yankee Hat and Rendezvous Creek. And of course the more recent European occupation sites,” Dr Peter Dowling, ACT Trust heritage officer stated today.

Canberra was planned to take in the views of the Brindabella Range which form a physical and visual backdrop to the city and its suburbs.

“We can now look out from the windows of our cars or houses or from the streets and see a place which is now honoured by being placed on the National List.”

Its accession to the National Heritage List will go a long way toward ensuring appropriate protection of all the heritage elements. It is now up to the Minister and his department to ensure its full protection.

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