

## RAIA National Heritage Criteria (2005)

The following set of criteria aims to determine and distinguish “architectural” significance from the other various types for the purpose of RAIA Heritage Register listing. A brief explanation of each criterion is offered. Only buildings constructed in Australia will be considered. The criteria listed below are for RAIA National Heritage List.

### Criteria

- 1. Significant Heritage value in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class or period of design.**  
This could include architectural works, which are of significant national value as examples of a particular style or period of architectural development. They should only include buildings designed at the time of the particular period.
- 2. Significant heritage value in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics.**  
This would include architectural works, which have a wide professional and national appeal and are held in high esteem as significant examples.
- 3. Significant heritage value in establishing a high degree of creative achievement.**  
This includes architectural works which are very fine examples of human creative genius. It also includes places which respond to and are part of a particular environment in an innovative and responsive way.
- 4. Having significant monumental and symbolic heritage value to the development of architecture and the history of architecture.**  
This includes architectural works which are of significant national value from the point of view of the history of architecture or the history of Australia.
- 5. Having a special association with the life or works of an architect of significant importance in our history.**  
This will include the best examples of the architecture from architects of national recognition and standing.
- 6. Significant heritage value in demonstrating a high degree of technical achievement of a particular period.**  
This will include architectural works which use technology of the day in an advanced and creative way and architectural works which extend technology to new limits.

This document is a development of the previous RAIA Heritage Criteria (2000).