Aboriginal Place Nomination Form

What are Aboriginal Places?
Aboriginal Places are a way of recognising and legally protecting Aboriginal cultural heritage. Under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, any land in NSW may be declared as an Aboriginal Place if the area ‘is or was of special significance to Aboriginal culture’.

Why nominate an area for Aboriginal Place declaration?
Aboriginal Places protect a range of cultural values, including former Aboriginal reserves and missions; land containing Aboriginal burials; important meeting places and ceremonial sites; sites of important historical events, such as massacres; birthplaces of notable Aboriginal people; places with dreaming stories and other spiritual significance; and places with Aboriginal artefacts requiring special recognition and protection.
Aboriginal Place declaration provides protection. Once land is declared as an Aboriginal Place, it receives the same protection under the National Parks and Wildlife Act as an Aboriginal object. That means that any activities that will damage, destroy or deface the Aboriginal Place cannot be carried out unless specific consent is granted by the Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet. Such consent can only be granted after consultation with local Aboriginal groups.

What areas can be nominated?
Any area may be nominated as an Aboriginal Place by completing the nomination form available on the next pages, or nominators can simply write to OEH. Applications are particularly sought from Aboriginal communities and individuals who can identify places or areas of cultural significance worthy of declaration as Aboriginal Places. After receiving a nomination, OEH consults with all relevant Aboriginal community groups, and with landowners and other government agencies such as Forests NSW and local councils.
To nominate an area for assessment as an Aboriginal Place, either fill in this nomination form and post it to OEH, or write a letter to the OEH Country, Culture and Heritage Division Regional Manager in your local region. The letter should contain the information requested on this nomination form. Contact details can be found at the end of this form.

Date: __________________________

Place name information:

Current name of nominated place: ______________________________________

Former or other names: ______________________________________

Approximate area of place in hectares: ________________________________

Details of person making the nomination:

Name: ________________________________

Organisation (if relevant): ________________________________

Position (if relevant): ________________________________

Address: ______________________________________

Suburb/town: ________________________________

Postcode: ________________________________

Phone: __________________ Fax: __________________ Email: ________________

List useful contacts or other people who may be interested in the nomination (individuals and organisations):

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Name of land holder/agency/manager and property (if known)

Name of property: __________________________________________

Address and postcode: ______________________________________

Phone: __________________ Fax: ____________________ Email: ______________

Provide details of the location of the place:
Attach a hand drawn basic map showing the location of the area and the boundary of the proposed place. Mark important areas and locations if relevant.

Is the nominated place under any threat? Yes or No (please indicate)

If yes, list your concerns

Aboriginal cultural significance

What is the cultural significance of this place for your community?

Provide as much detail as possible. Attach more information if necessary.
Have you any other comments and information you would like to add in support of the nomination?

If so, please provide this information as an attachment.

Completed nomination forms and further information about Aboriginal Places should be sent to the Country, Culture and Heritage Division Regional Manager in your local region:

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