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**Heritage Listing for Cold War Relic**

The Minister for Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage Karl Hampton today announced the Spencer Hill Seismic Vault has been added to the NT Heritage Register.

It is the only known remaining 1950s seismic vault and represents a tangible part of the original “Top Secret” United States Air Force Seismic Installation established after World War II to monitor nuclear test activities during the Cold War.

Mr Hampton said the Seismic Vault was the last remaining of four originally constructed as part of the ‘Seismic Array’.

“The Seismic vault at Spencer Hill is a unique technological feature of this period and illustrates aspects of Australia’s foreign policy during the 1950s.

“Many Territorians would not even be aware of this priceless nugget of Cold War history right in their backyards.

The Seismic Vault is located adjacent to Spencer’s Hill and has been added to the *Northern Territory Heritage Register*, which contains more than 230 declared heritage places under the *Heritage Conservation Act*.

“The Territory Government understands the importance of maintaining and protecting our heritage sites and is committed to preserving our unique history,” said Mr Hampton.

“Sites like the Seismic Vault not only define our unique Territory identity, but are a major draw card for tourists who come to the Territory.”

Mr Hampton is seeking nominations from Territorians who wish to be considered for appointment to the Heritage Advisory Council.

Members are appointed on the basis of expertise or experience relevant to the administration of the *Heritage Conservation Act*.

“Preserving the past is an important part of understanding both who we are and where we are going,” said Mr Hampton.

“The Heritage Advisory Council plays a crucial role in this process and I encourage all Territorians with a demonstrated passion for our heritage to nominate”

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