On the eve of the 60th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific, NT Environment and Heritage Minister Marion Scrymgour is seeking national heritage listing of some of the Territory’s World War II sites.

Ms Scrymgour has written to the Federal Environment Minister Ian Campbell seeking the highest possible level of recognition for the best of the Territory’s WWII sites.

“The Territory was in the front line during the war, and hence has a rich collection of sites relating to World War II,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“Our heritage places are very important in shaping the Territory’s identity, but they also play a huge role in our tourism industry - which of course has flow-on economic benefits for the NT.”

“The NT Government is placing a priority on better protection, conservation and interpretation of our WWII heritage.”

Ms Scrymgour said national heritage listing of some of the best of these sites would be a fitting recognition of the sacrifices made by allied service men and women.

She said some of the possible sites that could be considered for national heritage listing include:

- Strauss Airstrip;
- WWII RAAF Control Room
- WWII RAAF Ammunition Stores;
- Observation Post, Sandy Creek
- Darwin Harbour Shipwrecks
- Quarantine Anti-Aircraft Battery
- Frances Bay Explosives Stores
- Mitchell Creek Defensive Positions
- Steam Pump House

The NT Government fulfilled an election commitment by announcing new legislation earlier this year to overhaul our heritage laws, as well as announcing last year a record $1 million every year towards maintaining and repairing heritage sites across the NT.

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