It is increasingly common to see reference in the literature and debates to Australian exceptionalism in public law. In this lecture Professor Michael Taggart asks whether this means that Australia, and particularly its highest court, is out of step with the rest of the common law world. He will examine that proposition with reference to cases in the judicial review part of Australian administrative law. Another, more provocative way to put this inquiry is to ask why anyone outside Australia should feel the need to read the High Court of Australia jurisprudence on judicial review?