

The objects of this Bill are as follows:

- (a) to reduce the number of members of the Heritage Council from 11 to 9,
- (b) to abolish Ministerial Review Panels,
- (c) to require the Heritage Council, once it makes a decision to recommend the listing of an item on the State Heritage Register under section 33 of the *Heritage Act 1977* (***the Act***), to make the recommendation to the Minister within 14 days of giving of notice of the decision,
- (d) to require the Minister to publish all decisions relating to whether or not to direct the listing of items on the State Heritage Register and the reasons for the decisions,
- (e) to require the publication of certain written submissions made by the Heritage Council to a consent authority in relation to certain State significant development that affects State heritage matters,
- (f) to enable the Heritage Council, rather than the Minister, to approve forms for the purposes of the Act,
- (g) to make other minor and consequential amendments.