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Department of Planning & Infrastructure  
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Dear Mr Haddad,

**Heritage Council of NSW - Submission to the Green Paper - A New Planning System for NSW**

The Heritage Council of NSW has reviewed the Green Paper '*A New Planning System for NSW*' prepared by the Department of Planning & Infrastructure in response to the review of the NSW planning system. The intent of the review was to establish new legislation to replace the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

The Heritage Council held a workshop on 22 August 2012 to ensure that its submission to the Green Paper accurately reflected issues of concern to not only the Heritage Council but also to its stakeholders who include professional organisations and individuals, community and interest groups. More than fifty persons attended the workshop.

The Heritage Council believes that its submission to the Green Paper provides an excellent opportunity to improve the integration of heritage management in the new planning system and related Planning Act. It is essential if community needs and expectations about growth and conservation are to be properly balanced and to enable the government to demonstrate leadership in heritage management in NSW.

In February 2012 the Heritage Council made a submission to the Issues Paper "The way ahead for Planning in NSW". The submission included recommendations which were provided to assist with development of policy options. None of the recommendations appear to be reflected in the Green Paper. Many of the recommendations still however remain valid. It is therefore hoped that the translation of the Green Paper into the White Paper and related Act will include due consideration and adoption of the Heritage Council's views.

The Heritage Council's submission (attached) is provided to assist the Department of Planning & Infrastructure with preparation of the White Paper and related Planning Act.

The Heritage Council of NSW is happy to attend a meeting with the Department of Planning & Infrastructure to further discuss the issues raised in its submission on the Green Paper.

Should you have any questions regarding the submission please contact Petula Samios,  
Director of the Heritage Branch on (02) 9873 8551.

Yours sincerely,

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**Professor Lawrence Nield 14 September 2012**  
**Chair**  
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