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POLICY PAPER ON ITS REVIEW**

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The Hon Shayne Mallard MLC
Chairman, Legislative Council Standing Committee on Social Issues,
Parliament House,
Macquarie Street,
Sydney 2000

Dear Sir,

The Historic Houses Trust (SLM) resulted from my restoration of Elizabeth Bay House, in the early 1970s, for the NSW Government. This resulted in the Elizabeth Bay Trust being formed with me as its chairman.

The Government had a number of other historic houses, e.g. Vaucluse House which had been resumed in 1910, as well as others acquired for various reasons and all managed by different departments.

So, I convinced the government to bring them under one department and treat them equally. This is what happened and with the help of the National Trust it was called The Historic Houses Trust of NSW. It thrived and eventually controlled buildings outside Sydney, as well as the Hyde Park Barracks, the Mint and other buildings that were historic although not necessarily houses.

As the founder of the organisation I cannot understand how anyone could think they should be linked with State Archives and Records Authority. They have different charters and clearly should be kept separate.

I apologise for the late response.

Yours faithfully,

Clive Lucas