

**Submission
No 12**

INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977

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The Heritage Act only provides penalties for the owner of an item causing damage and does not apply to any other party or institution causing damage to the item.

Vegetation under the control of the local council, has caused extensive damage to our heritage buildings but the council refuses to take any steps to prevent any ongoing damage.

There appears to be no provision in the Heritage Act to penalise outside parties damaging heritage items. This anomaly could be simply amended.