

INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977

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The Heritage Act

The Heritage, in this State and Country is currently abused and disregarded by Government and developers time and again. It is time to **STRENGTHEN** the Heritage Act. and invest money in the heritage bodies who can advise and have advised but are overridden by developers and penny pinching by ignorant policy makers. Such bodies such as The National Trust and Historic Houses etc.

Consultation with learned and competent historians must be respected in future regarding all heritage environment and buildings.

The current issue is blindingly obvious in Parramatta at this present time in regard to Willow Grove. Despite the swell of community objections to the destruction of the building and the site the Heritage Minister and developers are continuing with their mindset to destroy history and build a new ugly museum building. Nobody is suggesting not having a museum but to incorporate "HISTORIC" buildings - which is history - into the development. To think that a 1813 pub was destroyed to accommodate a questionable placement of a light rail also shows the disregard for the built history and the lack of intellect and imagination to value what little history we have left.

Whilst on the subject of Parramatta, I cannot fathom how it is that the historic Female Factory is not being maintained and used within the parameters of the precinct and is valued. I can see it is demolition by neglect - that is the norm!

There is NO trust in government to take care of our heritage sites and this is born out by years of neglect and sell offs.

Listen to and respect indigenous sites and opinions too.

So, on this subject - Heritage - I expect that this government of NSW starts listening to its employers i.e. the public and begin to **STOP** listening to developers and start creating beautiful spaces using places which can educate the public and which can be enjoyed and valued . This is not the current trend!