

**Submission
No 152**

INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977

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I am a private citizen(aged 90) with a lifetime of experience volunteering to protect and enhance conservation of our heritage, both built and natural, at community level, as a member the National Trust of Australia(NSW) and local community groups.

This submission supersedes one made under rushed circumstances before extension of the due date.

I strongly support community involvement in identifying and protecting heritage, supported by advice from a non- political body of professional advisers to interpret and implement heritage protection under the provisions of the Heritage Act 1977.

Create a clear pathway from grass roots community consultation through local government consultation to advice under the Act from an elected non- political body consisting of self-perpetuating representatives of the professions concerned.

1. achieve a high level of education and understanding of heritage issues by local Government heritage officers, through education forums led by professional practitioners (Architects, TownPlanners...etc ..)
2. Enable Community groups to participate in identifying heritage and heritage in the making in their district, including heritage of minority groups : (indigenous, migrant. ...)
- 3 Ensure Community has access to local government advisers, and to advice from the Independent advisory body , with or without backing from local government.
- 4 Delete provision for consideration of 'State Significant' projects

Please ensure I am kept informed about the progress of this review of the Heritage Act 1977.

Janet Hay.