

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977

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How should heritage items that are residential properties be accommodated under a proposed category scheme?

The current Heritage Act, with the existing categories, work very well. These categories are uncomplicated and understandable, but unfortunately are not adhered to. Changing them is unnecessary - they simply need to be applied.

Local heritage items, including residential properties, need full, proper review and recognition, as evidenced by increasing community involvement in questioning the loss of heritage items at the local level. The proposed new category system would diffuse this proper review.

Would streamlining enhance the listing process?

Streamlining the process is a short cut to saving money with less community involvement and tipping the balance in favour of developers. There is not an instance where a developer has championed retaining either the natural or built heritage of a site if it gets in the way of the development. Streamlining is simply a euphemism for profiteering!