

**Submission
No 168**

INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977

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My wife and I are owners of a cc 1911 Edwardian home in Cremorne NSW which we have restored and intend maintaining in keeping with all similar neighbouring properties of the same era.

Our deep concern relating to potential changes to the NSW Heritage Act 1977 are that strong regulations are needed to prevent Councils from adopting an irresponsible attitude to development applications from predatory property developers.

In recent times through an association with our local Precinct Committee we have witnessed a tendency for councils to dismiss public opinion concerning community development issues and suggest that the credibility of the Act would be enhanced if appropriate curbs were incorporated in the Act for the benefit of domestic and corporate owners of heritage properties.

We consider that public opinion on all redevelopment issues impacting heritage properties is critical and should be mandatory before finite decisions are made on future and irreversible changes.

In this respect councils must be held accountable in ensuring the independence of the Act particularly in terms of zoning and ultimate certification under the Act.

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