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## **INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977**

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I am a citizen of New South Wales and a member of the National Trust. I value the state's heritage, and wish to be confident that the State of NSW is properly protecting it.

I regard the designated heritage of New South Wales as having both State and National Significance.

My understanding of the proposed amendments to the Heritage Act is that they permit "State Significant Developments" (SSDs) to override the Heritage Act.

This is simply unacceptable. Once any heritage place or item has been destroyed, it is gone for ever. No matter how important each SSD may appear to be at the time, it is vital that heritage items be given a high priority and be protected and preserved as a record of our European and Aboriginal history and culture, otherwise NSW and indeed Australia are the poorer.

There needs to be an extremely high bar in front of all development where heritage values are concerned.

I request that no change to the Act be made if it is likely to reduce heritage protection.