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INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977

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Our cultural heritage is at risk from State Significant Developments, which ride roughshod over the provisions of the Heritage Act, 1977.

The NSW Heritage Council should be an independent body made up of heritage experts.

Government departments should be excellent managers of cultural heritage assets under their control.

Support for Local Councils is essential for protection and conservation of the state's 40,000+ locally listed heritage sites.

When the heritage act is applied well, it improves economic development and delivers good heritage outcomes.

Owners of heritage places should receive financial support to ensure well informed ownership of heritage places leads to good outcomes for the preservation of our heritage.

While the Heritage Act and its regulations may benefit from small updates and amendments, its objectives and principles remain appropriate and relevant.