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

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It is vital that aims and standards for Heritage Protection not be undermined. There will always be financial benefits for governments and profiteers in putting denser development on heritage sites, but the benefit only accrues short term and for the few.

The best of our State must be protected so that fine or modest buildings, on human scale, are preserved with green curtilage around. This is truly valued, heritage to be passed on, and on.

This can be seen in Hunter's Hill, which is valued because it is not overdeveloped.

Amendments to the Heritage Act should be suspect. Do they result in improved heritage outcomes, or a weakening of heritage protection? State Significant Developments decisions are another danger, seeking to overleap provisions of the Act.

The NSW Heritage Council should be resourced and continue to be an independent public champion of heritage, composed of recognised heritage experts and organisational representatives. Support for local government is vital for adequate identification, protection and conservation of the state's more than 40,000 locally listed heritage places.

I live in heritage-listed premises, and greatly value the responsibility and contribution made to the character of Hunter's Hill.

Value proportion and setting. Money doesn't add up to a great deal.