

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977

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As an experienced high school teacher in the Blue Mountains, I know firsthand how important it is to preserve sites of historical significance in their original setting. Students being able to visit places like Willow Grove are given learning experiences and outcomes that are irreplaceable in terms of their understanding of our history and culture. Like other sites, such as The Rocks and Emu Hall on the banks of the Nepean River, the opportunity to attract tourism and adapt the building for positive community use is strong, and has the support of the local community. The purpose of a museum is to preserve and protect historical artefacts and I strongly urge you to allocate the necessary funds to keep Willow Grove and its gardens/grounds intact and in its original place, for the sake of truth, history and our future generations.