

**Submission
No 209**

INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977

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As a private citizen living in the Parramatta electorate I want to make a very clear statement that I believe our history and heritage are being destroyed by the NSW Government, especially under Minister Don Harwin. The inquiry currently being undertaken threatens to loosen what small protections we now have for our heritage. I am appalled at the priority always given to developers over the public good and especially over heritage. Mr Harwin seems not capable of honouring and protecting the historic environment particularly in Parramatta, the most important city after Sydney from our earliest days of white settlement. We have already lost too much of our heritage and history.

I ask that far from weakening the Heritage Act, you ensure rather that it is strengthened so that future generations will still have something of our early history to appreciate.