

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977

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Dear Sirs

I strongly object to any watering down of the Heritage Act 1977. If anything, its protections for our heritage should be strengthened against the current push for 'development at any cost'. Any proposed amendments must not erode the protection and conservation of our heritage. It is vital that heritage protection in NSW is solid so that our irreplaceable history is preserved for future generations.

It is not a case of economy v heritage - when done well, the sympathetic re-use of heritage places enhances economic values, encourages tourism and increases community appreciation. Proper support for local government to help protect and conserve locally listed heritage places is vital and listing cultural heritage places should be a separate process to managing change at these places! The State Significant Developments program has already put our cultural heritage at immense risk and we must learn from the lack of protection for Willow Grove and not let profit motives and greedy developers trash our irreplaceable heritage.

The NSW Heritage Council should be an independent champion of heritage and must be at the forefront of heritage organisations and protect our cultural assets from this onslaught of inappropriate development.

Yours faithfully