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This government very seriously needs to listen to the experts on these matters & not just hear their advice & then dismiss. Or tweak to suit the developers' agendas (& their own). Probably generally speaking, people who run govts are more economically & linear minded. This is necessary. However it is also why they must listen to others who's minds don't operate like that. There is a reason there's a whole range of psychological types in humanity - because there's a place for all of it. However this govt only follows a set path. Heritage experts MUST be heard & heeded - because they are the ones who really understand the nuances of the meanings WHY particular heritage must be preserved. Someone who's just been given a portfolio - who has perhaps no previous interest, let alone passion, for history or heritage, may well learn what they have to, to fulfil their role. However, whoever has that portfolio has to please realise that there's always a bigger picture. If someone hasn't had a passion eg for a particular subject, they are simply not going to be able to understand the depth required to make correct decisions. In that case, they should acknowledge that & allow themselves to be influenced by people who do know & understand with depth. And not be solely influenced by money. Nothing wrong with progress whatsoever but not in a forge ahead at all costs, bulldozer type of way. Please please please - understand that heritage can be such a gift, a meaningful gift, for so many who will get so much from it, now & in the future. The people who don't think it's important don't really need it. But for a more rounded society heritage MUST be preserved better in this country for sure, as there are many who glean much meaning from it.