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INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977

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Submission re the Review of the NSW Heritage Act 1977.

The historic precincts of Hunters Hill, Kellys Bush, the Rocks, Woolloomooloo, Paddington, Glebe, the QVB Building and the Strand Arcade would not exist were it not for the citizens of Sydney who in the late 1960s and 1970s feared for the destruction of their great city and demanded a different plan. Today those places are advertised around the world to attract tourists to Australia and we, the "locals" celebrate them everyday.

In contrast consider the tragedy of Parramatta and Windsor.

The Heritage Act 1977 should not be weakened but instead strengthened to resist pressure from developers whose greed will never be satisfied or those who are in an eternal rush to throw up the latest even taller office tower or apartment block.

Whilst it is clear that the 44yr old Act is in need of review, it is also clear that the NSW Government must support Councils with stronger laws to resist applications for demolition of historic and cultural sites and provide greater resources to promote alternative solutions to protect them.

The citizens of NSW also need an Integrity Commission.