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## INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977

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I am concerned with the context of the impact being felt across communities from a planning system that seems, from a community perspective, to be largely driven by developer greed and profit with blunt planning tools that are facilitating poor outcomes. Hunters Hill remains a special and desirable place to live but, like other locations in Sydney, our older buildings, public places and suburban bushland are under increasing pressure and it is critical that new thinking is applied to ensure Sydney's future sustainability and liveability. Heritage, sense of place, local identity and good civic design are critical to the future of all communities across NSW. It is essential that we preserve, conserve and maintain those things that people recognise as being important. Heritage should be at the heart of this thinking and therefore, the Heritage Act and its influence should be enhanced through appropriate resourcing, stature and respect. The Heritage Council must be emboldened as a truly independent body.

Before COVID we spent our time travelling in Europe just to visit all the historic sites. Can you imagine Rome being destroyed by developers. Not ever going to happen. All we will have are high rise buildings that will fall over in 10 years. Disgraceful.