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INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977

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The Heritage Act is still fit for purpose but the application and resourcing of the mechanisms of the Act leave much wanting.

Over the 25 years of my practice in conservation in NSW I have noted the gradual diminishment of the capacity and capability of Heritage NSW to provide the key guiding principles of the Act as set out in the discussion paper.

This should be reversed by adequately funding the department to improve education; allow site visits (to inform the determination); improve compliance and finally, to value and retain appropriately skilled staff.