## **INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977**

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There is a need for greater recognition of local heritage items...not less. The proposed new category system runs counter to that. Community engagement is critical. Most heritage items relate to local issues and are nominated because they are important to local residents and in many cases to the people of New South Wales. Too often the interest of local residents and local communities lose out to commercial and even

political interests and issues that are considered important to people who have, do and will live locally are sidelined. Future generations rely on governments and heritage committees/councils to safeguard & protect our history. Streamlining the listing process encourages short cuts, money saving and helps developers get their DA's "green lighted" at the expense of what the local community wants.