

INQUIRY INTO REVIEW OF THE HERITAGE ACT 1977

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1. Heritage involves not only individual buildings but streetscapes, especially in older suburbs with terrace housing. There is a need to address context and to preserve whole areas. This goes for high streets in country towns. Piecemeal development destroys uniformity and creates precedents.
2. Community groups and local government should be consulted as to what is valued locally.
3. The Heritage office should be fully resourced to carry out the provisions of the Act.
4. A Minister should not be able to over-ride decisions.
5. Indigenous as well as European history should be investigated proactively. Archaeological studies have been in reaction to unexpected discoveries (such as the Old Burial Ground near Sydney Town Hall). Mulgoa (in a rapidly growing area) is rich in such history.