

MEDIA RELEASE**1/11/2017****Queensland State Election 2017:****The National Trust of Australia (Queensland) releases their election priorities document**

“The National Trust of Australia (Queensland): Protect, conserve and celebrate Queensland’s environmental, built and cultural heritage”

Following the announcement of the Queensland election for the 25th November 2017, National Trust of Australia (Queensland) releases their priorities to ensure the candidates give firm commitments to protect Queensland’s heritage.

National Trust of Australia (Queensland) is Queensland’s leading community heritage organisation. With \$54M of heritage assets, nearly 12,000 members and 800 volunteers across the State, over 542,000 visitors to its properties, we are regularly able to raise millions of dollars of funding per year for the conservation of heritage places owned by others – the National Trust of Australia (Queensland) makes a unique contribution to our community.

National Trust of Australia (Queensland) is inviting election candidates to share their policies and give firm commitments on environmental, built and cultural heritage, and heritage tourism

Why is heritage important?

Environmental, built and cultural heritage makes a vital contribution to our community and economy. It helps develop cohesive communities through a deep understanding of identity and place. Queensland’s unique identity is formed by our environmental, built and cultural heritage.

What are the National Trust Priorities?

1. Ensuring state government agencies lead by example and do not allow their heritage assets to be demolished by neglect;
2. Growing cultural heritage tourism to generate jobs and increase cash flow into our regions;
3. Supporting owners of heritage places by committing to adequate, long term grant funding programs;
4. Provide strategic partnering for key cultural events such as the Heritage Festival and Great Houses;
5. Reinstating heritage services in the regions to support local job creation and regional heritage owners;
6. Resourcing stronger heritage units in state government agencies – especially within their regional offices;
7. Supporting strategic partnerships with natural, cultural and Indigenous organisations so that they can focus on joint promotion of heritage assets;
8. Implementing the World Heritage Centre (WHC) advice for the protection of the Great Barrier Reef;
9. Investment in the interpretation of the heritage of the many coastal settlements along the length of the Great Barrier Reef coastline, to coincide with Cook 250 events;



10. Encouraging governments to enforce and strengthen protective heritage mechanisms; and
11. Commitment to a program of accredited training for traditional skills that links practitioners with apprentices and creates jobs.

Download your copy of the NTAQ State Election Priorities 2017 at
www.nationaltrust.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/NTAQ-QLDSTATEELECTIONPRIORITIES2017-1.pdf

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