

18 January 2018

Ms Leanne Enoch  
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Dear Ms Enoch,

**Re: Response to your letter regarding our request for a Stop Order under  
*Queensland Heritage Act, 1992***

Thank you for your letter dated 17 January 2018 in regard to the Stop Order requested by the National Trust of Australia (Queensland) under Division 3, Section 154, of the *Queensland Heritage Act, 1992*. The Stop Order was requested in relation to the construction of a retirement facility adjoining the historic property Conon, at 29 Conon Street, Lutwyche.

Thank you for your acknowledgment of the interest that the National Trust of Australia (Queensland) takes in ensuring Queensland's cultural heritage is conserved and of our work raising issues that affect owners of heritage places. We look forward to meeting you in person to further discuss the work of the National Trust of Australia (Queensland).

We regrettably understand that in this instance you will not be making a Stop Order. We do however congratulate you on your decision to recommend that the Heritage Officers of the Department of Environment work with the owners of Conon to review the current heritage register entry and potentially extend its boundary.

We note that this instance highlights an area of weakness in the current legislation with regard to the settings of heritage places. Whilst some changes were made to planning and heritage legislation due to proposed development adjacent to Customs House in Brisbane, the stance of the National Trust of Australia (Queensland) is that further work is required to adequately protect heritage places and their settings. We particularly feel that amendments to *Planning Regulations 2017* are needed to ensure that that development near (not simply "adjoining" as the current legislation states) places of State heritage significance is impact assessable. Further, the *Queensland Heritage Act* should be amended to ensure that Stop Orders can be applied to developments that affect the heritage significance of nearby places and their settings.



National Trust of Australia (Queensland) is dedicated to the protection, conservation and celebration of environmental, built and cultural heritage.

Thank you again for your response and once again, I look forward to meeting with you in person.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Fisher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Jonathan Fisher  
Chief Executive Officer



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