

Forum Questions regarding community engagement

- How could community engagement go beyond the older, whiter and wealthier local groups?
- How do they have more say against the professionals and politicians that seem so disconnected?
- Does heritage have an issue with staying relevant?
- Should community consultation be a part of all heritage decisions?

Forum Questions regarding the Heritage Council

- Could popular petitions bring issues to the Council?
- Who should be on it? How has the changing composition changed its function?
- How should its decision be reviewed?
- Should the Council go beyond its current role, for example protecting local heritage or taking a more proactive role?

Forum questions regarding Indigenous heritage

- Does the nomination process privilege whiter and wealthier communities who have the time and resources to make them?
- Does heritage focus too much on colonial, over Indigenous, heritage?
- Should Indigenous heritage be governed by a separate act?

Forum questions on the power and functioning of institutions

- What was the impact of the dismantling of the Department of Environment and Heritage?
- How well is Heritage NSW managed?
- What is the proper role of the Minister?
- Should volunteer groups receive more assistance?
- How can the Land & Environment Court receive independent expert advice?

Forum Questions on the strength of the legislation

- How much power does the Act have when it is undermined by State Environmental Planning Policies?
- Is Section 170 strong enough to protect state assets?
- How can the Act be strengthened with regards to conserving areas instead of just buildings and structures?
- Should the Act clearly state its primary objective as the protection of the state's heritage?

Forum Questions regarding local heritage

- Should there be a single act for state and local heritage?
- Is there good reason to maintain the separation of requirements for State Heritage Register and Section 170 items from the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* requirements?
- Is the management of local heritage by councils an issues?

Forum questions on the purpose of the review

- Why isn't the conservation of heritage one of the main themes of the discussion paper?
- Is the Heritage Act review a Trojan horse for the redevelopment and selling of State assets without the perceived 'heritage impediments'?

Forum questions on the planning process

- How are the priorities of planning and heritage conservation reconciled if they are under the same department?
- Should heritage conservation be integrated in the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act?
- How can Development Control Plans better protect heritage?
- Should the heritage conservation process be completely separated from that of planning?

Forum questions on politics and policy

- Does Sydney protect its heritage as well as other major cities in the world?
- Has government gone from protecting heritage to proposing development?
- How much influence do interest groups have?
- Is the ideology of unlimited growth the problem?
- Is there an agenda to sell off state-owned heritage assets?

Forum questions on procedure and practice

- How much should local government be responsible for processing heritage applications?
- Should there be more levels of heritage listings or not?
- Are heritage impact assessments independent?
- Is there a conflict of interest when heritage professionals gain much of their livelihood from representing developers?
- How can significance assessments be made less subjective?

Forum questions on managing different types of heritage

- How can the management of broader listings, covering entire areas, be made easier?
- What can be done about the future of moveable heritage?
- How can the conservation of the natural environment be improved?
- Where is the space for landscape and industrial heritage?
- How much protection can be given to significant original interiors?