



POSITION PAPER

STATE HERITAGE REGISTER LISTINGS FRAMEWORK

BACKGROUND

In May 2017 the National Trust was invited by the Heritage Policy Unit of the Office of Environment and Heritage to attend a consultation session on the development of the State Heritage Register (SHR) Listings Framework.

The Chair of the Trust's Conservation Policies Task Force, the Chairs of the Trust's Technical Committees, the Trust's nominee on the Heritage Council, two former Directors of the NSW Heritage Branch and the Director – Advocacy attended the session representing the National Trust.

Following the consultation session the National Trust put in a submission to the Policy Unit reiterating the Trust's position put at the meeting.

NATIONAL TRUST POSITION

- the National Trust will continue to nominate important places under threat, for listing on the SHR
- thousands of places of State Significance have not been recognised through listing on the SHR and there needs to be better resourcing and out sourcing to deal with these listings.
- the Heritage Council and Heritage Division should be ready to deal with emergency listings
- by definition, the State Heritage Register will never be finalised and presently, only samples a small proportion of the items worthy of listing
- The Heritage Act is appropriate but the government should provide increased resources for its proper implementation.
- The Trust will provide a list of say 100 worthy places that clearly should be listed on the State Heritage Register.
- The Trust will also send its list of pre 1840 places which highlights those which are not yet listed on the State Heritage Register.
- The Trust will request a copy of the "Gap Analysis" and "Community Heritage Values Survey" which were mentioned at the consultation session.

ACTION TO PROMOTE THE TRUST'S POSITION

The Trust will promote its views on this issue in the media, with the Heritage Policy Unit and the NSW government.