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## **Canberra Light Rail Stage 2B EPBC Act referral**

The ACT Government's referral of Light Rail Stage 2B to the Commonwealth Government identifies many important heritage issues that require full public scrutiny.

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) will be looking at the referral closely and providing its views before public submissions close on 18 March, Trust President Gary Kent said today.

'Stage 2B of the Light Rail traverses some of the most precious places in the national capital and nothing can be left to chance in guaranteeing that their heritage values are respected', Mr Kent said.

These issues include potential impacts on many current heritage-listed or heritage-nominated buildings and places, including:

- Lake Burley Griffin and adjacent lands;
- the Parliament House vista;
- key public and private buildings such as Parliament House, the Lodge, John Gorton Building, National Library, Hotel Canberra and the Albert Hall; and
- the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, National Rose Gardens and Barton Housing Precinct.

The Trust notes that two alternative routes have been identified through the Parliamentary triangle:

- following King George Terrace, Macquarie Street, Bligh Street, National Circuit and Sydney Avenue, before connecting with State Circle; and,
- along State Circle East, with connections to Adelaide Avenue from either State Circle or Capital Circuit.

'Both routes present significant heritage issues and need very careful assessment', Mr Kent said.

The Trust will be working to identify any heritage issues which have not been identified in the referral and bringing those to the attention of the Commonwealth and ACT governments.

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