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Dear Sir/Madam

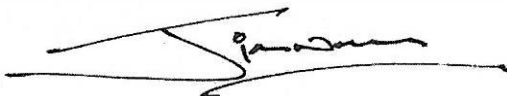
Input into the Australian Heritage Strategy

Thank you for providing the Heritage Council (Council) with the opportunity to have input into the Australian Heritage Strategy (Strategy). The Council congratulates the Government on its commitment to the Strategy and would like to reiterate the points that it made in response to the Australian Heritage Strategy Public Consultation Paper in 2012.

In the view of the Heritage Council, the Strategy should provide a framework that guides the identification, management and celebration of our heritage both today and in the future. To do this the Strategy should seek to: broaden the audience that engages with heritage; recognise the contribution of cultural heritage to our wellbeing; champion exemplary heritage conservation policy and practice; endorse a comprehensive approach to heritage legislation and the management of heritage places; and provide a national direction that inspires the Australian community.

A copy of our previous submission (which extrapolates on these points) together with a copy of our Strategic Plan is enclosed for your consideration.

Yours sincerely



Jim Norris
Acting Chair