# Template FOR INPUT INTO THE

**AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE STRATEGY**

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| Overview  This template should be used to provide comments on the content of the Australian Heritage Strategy. | |
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| Questions  Please add your comments for some or all of the questions provided with the Strategy’s three high level themes below. If you have other information you wish to provide, please add this in the “Other comments” field. | |
| 1. **Improve National Leadership**   What are the most important things the Australian Government should be doing to offer leadership in heritage?  How can the Australian Government provide guidance and support for our national heritage—while still empowering other government, industry and community members to take responsibility and get involved?  What priority areas are important to you, your organisation or group?  What practical actions would you suggest to improve national heritage leadership? | |
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| 1. **Pursue Innovative Partnerships**   What partnerships are most needed within the heritage sector?  What heritage roles and responsibilities should be led by governments, peak heritage organisations or community groups in the 21st century?  How should resources be shared through heritage partnerships to ensure the greatest return on agreed priorities?  Can you provide examples of successful innovative partnerships you or your organisation have established? | |
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| 1. **Enable encourage communities to understand and care for their heritage**   What should the Australian heritage sector be doing to help the Australian community better engage in heritage activities?  How can a shared understanding of our national heritage be developed and best celebrated together?  Do you have any examples of activities that have been successful in promoting local heritage to a broader audience?  What is the role of technology and new media in providing greater community access to heritage? | |
| In response to c. *Appropriate timing for the national celebration of Australia’s heritage*: The current ‘UNESCO’s International Day for Monuments & Sites’ is certainly not well known in Australia. The title does not ‘roll off the tongue’. It is too highbrow – if you want to engage call it World Heritage Day. 18 April is usually within school holidays and a beautiful time of year. Local heritage festivals in the ACT have been running in April since 1981 and involve school holiday programs. For ACT (some southern areas and TAS), holding a key date any later than mid May is undesirable. (NAIDOC Week positioned in July is bleak enough). April has been tricky with Easter and ANZAC Day, however we adapt dates where we can for our 2 week festival. | |
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