



## TEMPLATE FOR INPUT INTO THE AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE STRATEGY

### 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?

The Australian Government need to maintain consistency in its leadership with Heritage, with changes in government leadership creates poor leadership in heritage management. Heritage Management is a complex process that requires significant investment by government, private and voluntary sector. A change of government every four year can impact significantly on Heritage Management, this requires a shared process view.

Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation (WMAC) and Portland Aluminium (PA) have worked in partnership over the past thirteen years to develop the Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape (BBHL). To achieve this recognition WMAC and PA established the Lake Condah Sustainable Development Program that engaged all potential stakeholders to create an appropriate strategy to that created the Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape.



This model sees over eight million dollars invested in the program by government, corporations, universities and community groups. The BBHL has developed future initiatives that will have community and investment opportunities that ensure the BBHL is a sustainable program.

(Possible attached the Terms of Reference for BBSDP Leadership Group)

WMAC in partnership with the Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owner Aboriginal Corporation and the BBSDP Leadership Group support the Budj Bim Heritage. Over the past twelve years the BBSDLP has developed an appropriate engagement framework that seen extensive financial and community investment into the Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape.

## 2. 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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?

The Budj Bim Sustainable Development Program strength is in the partnerships that were established at the start of the project. The model engaged the Traditional Owners, Local Land Owners, groups and organisations that are connected to the local area, both federal and state land bodies and corporate involvement.

Government and peak agencies are required to be the lead bodies in developing appropriate processes that support the initial stages of planning and managing area's of significance. In the case of the Budj Bim Sustainable Development Project, the process identified pathway to managing an area of significance along with engaging partners.





### 3. 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?

The Budj Bim Sustainable Development Program is a great example of the engaging community to work on heritage projects, this program includes Indigenous and European Heritage being managed under one appropriate program. Both the Indigenous and European Heritage site on the Budj Bim Landscape have received high awards for the appropriate management of the sites.

The Indigenous Aquaculture and Old Stone Woolwash Sites that are located on the landscape are considered significant to the program, with both heritage areas receiving Australia and Victorian Heritage Awards.

#### Other comments