# Template FOR INPUT INTO THE

**AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE STRATEGY**

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| Overview  This template should be used to provide comments on the design of the Australian Heritage Strategy. | |
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| Questions  Please add your comments for some or all of the three questions below. If you have other information you wish to provide, please add this in the other comments field. | |
| 1. What do you think are the key elements of the Commonwealth’s role in heritage? | |
| To protect the Heritage of Australia, and to intervene with State Matters when the item of Built Heritage was erected prior to Federation. | |
| 2. What new cooperative models could be explored to open up opportunities for heritage protection? | |
| The Register of the National Estate has been removed as an authority from both State and Federal legislation, it is important that it be reinstated, due to the weakening of protection for our communities. | |
| 3. How can communities engage more effectively in the management of heritage places? | |
| The heritage in NSW has been seriously undermined by successive governments, we are now back to a situation that existed in 1977, we have had to form a Network of Heritage Groups called the NSW Heritage Network and publish an Action Guide for small community groups to follow. We use social media, Websites and email to distribute our concerns. If there is a heritage strategy meeting, make sure you are invited and participate in the process. | |
| Other comments | |
| It is important the Community groups have an authority that reviews decisions made by State Heritage Councils and Governments, to date the transparency of the process is questioned due to the formation of committees that appear to have pecuniary interests, resulting in Conflicts of Interest. We need proper protection of the Heritage Assets in our communities | |