

Australia ICOMOS Interim Heritage Policy

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Australia ICOMOS is committed to providing leadership in the conservation of Australia's cultural heritage by developing and implementing standards, especially in research, education and training, and by influencing decision-makers. Through consultation with our members Australia ICOMOS has arrived at an interim list of key heritage issues.

The five heritage issues we believe most require immediate attention from a Federal Government are listed below. A more detailed list can be found on our website at:

<http://australia.icomos.org/about-us/heritage-policies/>.

1. Reinstating of the National Cultural Heritage Forum and/or the 'Friends of Heritage' forum for 'not for profit' heritage bodies to meet with Heritage Chairs and Officials from all levels of Government and to provide input to implementation of an Australian Heritage Strategy.
2. Preparation of an Australian Heritage Quality Framework - leading to improved monitoring, quality and training across all types and levels of cultural heritage (including traditional trades).
3. Continuation of funding for Trove and other valuable research institutions and resources, and promotion of their potential for research and for heritage interpretation.
4. Development of innovative funding, incentives, resource sharing and creative partnerships for all levels and types of cultural heritage (including serious consideration of a National Heritage Lottery).
5. Commissioning of theme-based cultural heritage studies to identify gaps in the National Heritage List (and assist with the identification of cultural places for Australia's World Heritage tentative list).

Through action on these key issues a Federal Government would not only improve the sustainability of our cultural heritage for present and future generations but also ensure that Australia continues to take a leading role in heritage conservation in the Asia Pacific region.

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