

Queensland State Government Elections

*Our priorities for
Queensland's
heritage places*



Queensland's heritage makes a difference!

Environmental, built and cultural heritage makes a vital contribution to our community and economy. It helps develop cohesive communities through a deep understanding of identity and place. Heritage places create meaning for current and future generations.

Environmental, built and cultural heritage is a critical element in the development of a unique Queensland tourism experience:

- Environmental heritage tourism generates tens of millions of dollars every year.
- National Trust Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary alone generates annual visitation of over half a million people.
- Queensland has five places on the World Heritage List and 13 places on Australia's National Heritage List. The management of these places creates jobs and their beauty attracts National and International visitors.

Environmental, built and cultural heritage makes a significant contribution to community well-being:

- It increases awareness of the need to care for our environment.
- It encourages owners of heritage properties to proudly maintain and develop the built environment to provide a sense of place and belonging, for the joy of all.
- It retains and shares our history for everyone to understand and appreciate.
- It creates training, volunteer and regional job opportunities.

The National Trust makes a difference!

The National Trust of Australia (Queensland) is Queensland's leading community heritage organisation – we are a not-for-profit organisation and member-based charity which offers people the opportunity to feel connected to significant places, collections and stories.

We advocate for the recognition and care of Queensland's heritage and have more than 1000 volunteers and employees state-wide who manage our properties from Currumbin to Cooktown.

With nearly 18,000 members and 1,000 staff and volunteers across the State, over 542,000 visitors to our properties pre Covid - the National Trust makes a unique contribution Queensland's heritage and the opportunities they provide.

Strong support for Queensland's environmental, built and cultural heritage and our heritage organisations is a strategic investment in Queensland's future.



National Trust Queensland invites you to share with us what YOU will do to protect and celebrate Queensland's environmental, built and cultural heritage.

Protecting Heritage Places

Queensland's heritage places are at risk from lack of care and maintenance; they are at risk from overdevelopment, loss of setting and loss of character areas; and they are at risk from environmental effects such as drought and bushfire.



Queensland's heritage places deserve to be protected for future generations to enjoy.

Environmental, built and cultural heritage makes a significant contribution to community well-being:

The National Trust is advocating for:

- An immediate review of the Queensland Heritage Act to ensure that the provisions relating to minimum standards of maintenance and repair are adequate and are enforceable to avoid situations of demolition by neglect. The legislation needs to protect places like Lamb House and the Broadway Hotel in future.
- An immediate review of the Queensland Heritage Act to ensure that state government departments and agencies are obligated to identify, conserve and protect their own heritage assets. Queensland Rail and the Department of Education are excellent examples of proactive government management of heritage assets – this should be a requirement for all government departments and agencies.
- Provision of proper support for local governments to engage internal heritage specialists, develop adequate heritage planning policies and ensure development assessment takes heritage impact into consideration, especially for under resourced regional local councils.
- Development of dedicated grant streams to future-proof significant heritage places and build resilient communities by protecting these places from climate related issues, including their increased susceptibility to the effects of increased flood and bushfire events.
- Ensuring adequate protections for the protection of native wildlife and native habitat throughout Queensland.



Conserving Heritage Places

Queensland's heritage places need regular conservation, restoration and care to ensure their longevity, to showcase their beauty and attract visitors, and to assist with the survival of traditional-trade skills.

The National Trust is advocating for:

- A dedicated, on-going grant stream for the maintenance and conservation of significant heritage places.
- Ongoing financial assistance for non-profit organisations that own and maintain heritage places for public enjoyment.
- The establishment of a heritage-trades apprenticeship incentive scheme, to ensure these trade skills are not lost and to boost re-training and provide jobs for Queenslanders, especially in regional areas.
- Additional support for heritage homeowners to access advice on the appropriate care and maintenance of their heritage homes and landscapes.
- The conservation of native wildlife habitat and significant trees, especially in areas affected by recent droughts and bushfires.

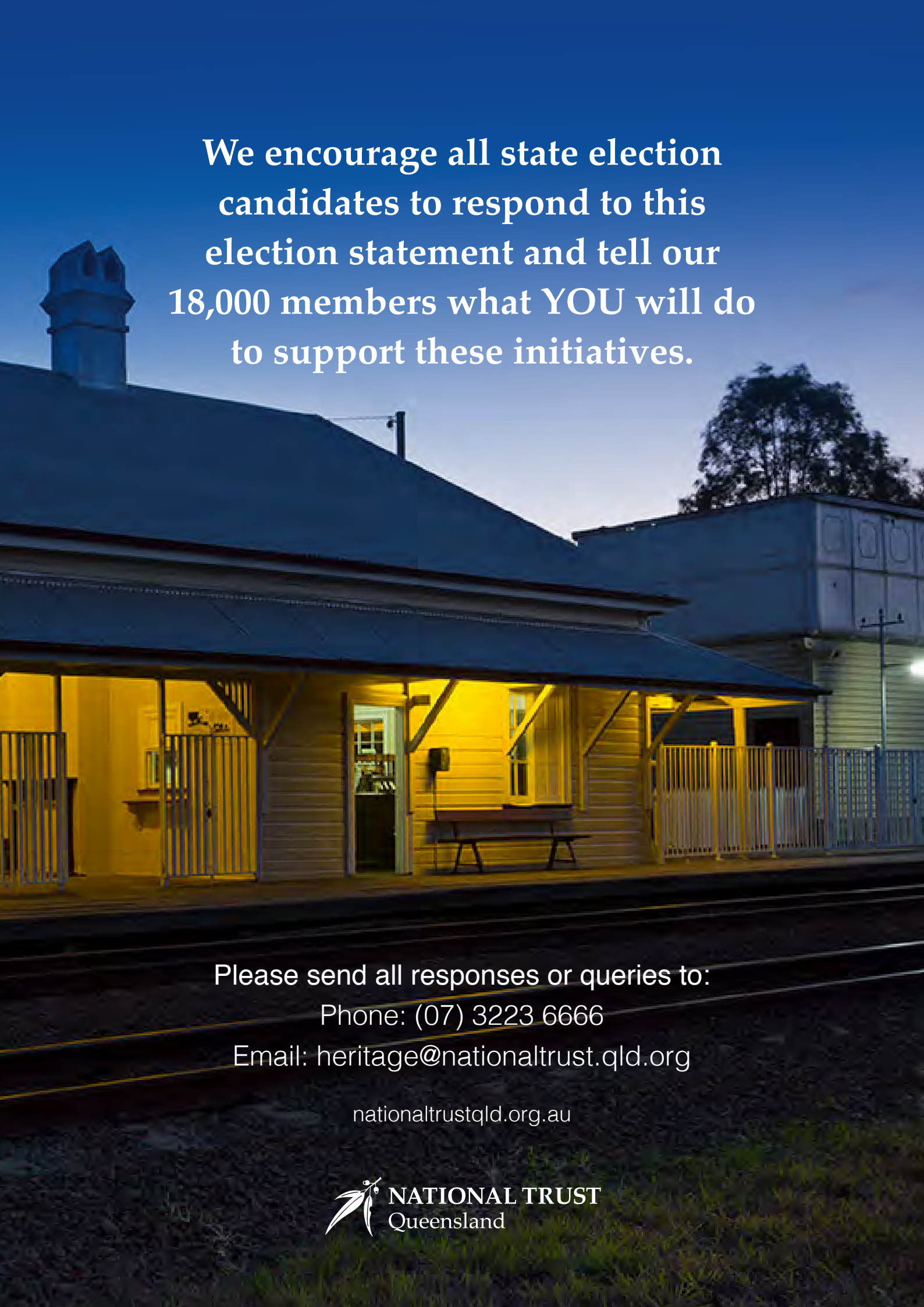
Celebrating Heritage Places

Tourism research suggests that cultural tourists stay longer and spend more than other visitors. There are many not-for-profit and commercial operators in environmental, built and cultural heritage tourism that could improve their products and services through additional support and the establishment of strategic partnerships.

These operators generate jobs in regional areas for locals and provide vital services in the protection and celebration of heritage. Improved linkages between the heritage and tourism sectors will improve access to heritage sites and provide for vital tourist infrastructure at the sites.

The National Trust is advocating for:

- Ensuring tourism grants are weighted toward shovel worthy projects that support cultural tourism initiatives;
- Ensuring cultural heritage initiatives weave together the cultural, built and environmental places in regions to better attract visitation and highlight the region's attractions;
- Investment in heritage trails that link heritage towns together, to ensure cultural sites are marketed to domestic tourists and promoted post-Covid.
- Ensuring major tourism initiatives are heavily weighted towards places of cultural significance in regional Queensland, and toward organisations that own and protect heritage places.



We encourage all state election
candidates to respond to this
election statement and tell our
18,000 members what YOU will do
to support these initiatives.

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