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Subject: Draft Report Conservation of Historic Places

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I wish to register my strong objection to the above draft report.

State and local governments should continue to have the power to list heritage significant properties on registers. Compulsory heritage protection ensures that conservation of Australia's historic built heritage places. Some small financial incentive should be provided for the faithful maintenance of heritage properties according to strict criteria.

I do not support a free market where owners or developers are able to do what they want with their property. The voluntary listing approach may see the continued loss of a number of heritage places that clearly satisfy the criteria for such protection.

I urge you to ditch your draft report.

Yours sincerely

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