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On page 23, the question was asked — “how well do local governments resolve conflicts between protecting private property rights and achieving legitimate heritage conservation objectives?”

In answer to that question, I am submitting an excerpt from our local newspaper, the Manning River Times. It presents the dilemma which is probably present in most rural NSW towns. A lot of worthy heritage houses are being demolished, even when they exist in a “heritage conservation area”. The decisions by councillors reflect the knowledge and attitude of the local population.

More public education and more leadership from Federal and State governments, including more funding, is needed.

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