



Media Release

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Local residents invited to comment on draft Australian Heritage Strategy

I encourage residents to have a say in the future of our nation's heritage by commenting on the Government's draft Australian Heritage Strategy.

It's an opportunity for all Australians to discuss how local heritage icons should be protected and maintained.

The aim of the Strategy is to provide outcomes, priorities and actions that effectively recognise, manage and celebrate Australia's unique heritage.

Local residents across the Mornington Peninsula, Koo Wee Rup, Lang Lang, the Bass Coast and Phillip Island devote countless hours to preserving our heritage.

The draft Australian Heritage Strategy contains a range of commitments and proposed actions that recognise the work of residents in supporting and strengthening community engagement with our heritage. Their knowledge of local heritage issues is outstanding and their dedication to preserving local heritage sites is greatly valued, which is why we are calling for their input into this draft strategy.

The protection of Australia's heritage is central to the Government's *Plan for a Cleaner Environment* and is a fundamental pillar of our vision for Australia – a society that protects and improves its environment for future generations.

The draft Australian Heritage Strategy is open for public comment until June 9 on the department's website at www.environment.gov.au/australian-heritage-strategy

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