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National Trust applauds Ministers on launch of Creative Industries Innovation Centre

The chairman of the Australian Council of National Trusts, Dr Graeme L. Blackman, speaking on behalf of all 8 National Trust organisations and their 80 000 members, today congratulated Federal ministers Peter Garrett and Kim Carr on the launch yesterday of the Creative Industries Innovation Centre.

This centre, located at the University of Technology in Sydney will provide free practical assistance to small and medium businesses in the creative sector.

“I am confident that there are many businesses working in the field of cultural heritage conservation that can gain a direct benefit from this initiative,” Dr Blackman said. “I am thinking particularly of the many specialist small businesses working in creative areas such as stonemasonry and specialist cabinet making and joinery but also newer skills such as web site design and exhibition design.

I will be encouraging all National Trusts to access information about the new centre and to ensure that the opportunities it offers are passed on to the heritage practitioners.”

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