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THE NATIONAL TRUST (ACT) SEEKS TO PROTECT ACT HERITAGE

The ACT National Trust has written to all current MLAs and political parties registered for the forthcoming election asking for support for a series of proposals aimed at protecting ACT Heritage into the future. These are to:

Increase the funds for Heritage Grants to \$450,000 per annum

The current ACT Heritage Grants program of \$280,000 is insufficient. The allocation has not even kept up with a CPI adjustment of 3% since 1991 when the allocation was \$270,000.

Provide financial support to the ACT National Trust

The National Trust (ACT) has the highest per capita membership of National Trusts in Australia but the weakest State/Territory government financial support.

Nominate Canberra for Australian National Heritage List

Achieving official recognition of Canberra's heritage significance would be of great benefit for the marketing of Canberra and be timely for the Canberra 100 celebrations in 2013.

Re-establish the annual ACT Heritage Festival to coincide with World Heritage Day (April 18)

Develop a heritage strategy plan for the ACT.

Prepare full and detailed cultural heritage surveys and assessments prior to the planning concept stage

Any planning decision should be made in the full knowledge of heritage values and impacts. Understanding the impacts of a planned development before decisions are taken would be good risk management practice and encourage community support.

Provide adequate resources to complete the assessment of current heritage nominations within the next term of office

The ACT Heritage Register provides protection for significant heritage places and objects in the ACT. There are currently 320 outstanding nominations to be considered.

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