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### **ACT National Trust wants to find out more about the history of Pialligo**

The ACT National Trust will be conducting a historical assessment of Pialligo during the next few weeks to find out what heritage assets may remain from the past.

Mr Eric Martin, President of the Trust, stated, "In the early nineteenth century European settlement period Pialligo was part of Duntroon station, one of the largest grazing properties in the area. In fact Duntroon was initially called 'Pialligo' a name derived from the Indigenous word for the area."

"Since European settlement Pialligo has largely been used for grazing and agricultural purposes. Today, the area is mainly made up of commercial nurseries and small farms with associated buildings and open fields."

"We will be concentrating on the area lying between Pialligo Avenue and the Molonglo River." (Sections 2, 31 & 38) There has been little archaeological or historical research done in this area of Pialligo."

This study will enable a clearer understanding of the history of the area. The Trust will then be able to advise government departments on the heritage values of Pialligo.

The Trust has notified the residents of Pialligo of the impending survey and Mr Martin said that he would welcome any contribution about the area which Canberrans wished to share.

The project is being funded by the ACT Government through the Heritage Grants Program.

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