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Mr Gary Kent
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Inner South Canberra Community Council
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Dear Mr Kent

I am writing to inform you of the commencement of public consultation in relation to the development of a five year ACT Heritage Strategy.

The Strategy is being developed to set a clear direction and framework for the recognition, protection, conservation and promotion of our heritage places and objects for a five year period from the date of its commencement.

The Strategy will recognise our rich and diverse heritage, and will provide recognition of our unique story. It will primarily focus on Aboriginal and historic heritage places and objects and, to a lesser extent, natural heritage.

Our heritage places and objects provide us with a sense of pride, place, identity, and belonging. The Strategy provides opportunity to revisit what is important about our heritage places and objects, to reshape the way that the community and visitors think about and engage with our heritage, and to refocus resources to ensure that the highest priority areas receive the greatest attention.

The Strategy will provide a vision for the ways in which we can incorporate our heritage places and objects into our future city.

The key topics on which the ACT Government would like your input are detailed through a Discussion Paper available at www.haveyoursay.planning.act.gov.au

A six week period of public consultation will occur, commencing on 12 February 2016.

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The ACT Government is using an innovative and interactive online communication tool – Bang the Table – for public consultation that allows you to participate in conversation forums, surveys, mapping and/or quick polls: www.haveyoursay.planning.act.gov.au

Online content will be updated every two weeks during the consultation period, so check back in from time to time for continued engagement and to provide feedback on a wide range of topics.

You can also attend an informal session to chat with heritage staff and learn more about online consultation. These sessions are being held:

DATES and TIMES:

- Tuesday 23 February 2016 9:30 – 11:30am
- Wednesday 24 February 2016 1:00 – 3:00pm
AND 4:30 – 6:30pm

LOCATION:

- Ground floor north function room
Dame Pattie Menzies House, 16 Challis Street, Dickson

Alternatively, you can log straight onto Bang the Table to become involved right away.

Public consultation is open until 9am Tuesday 29 March 2016.

Following the drafting of the Strategy, it will be released for public comment prior to finalising for Cabinet agreement. By registering with Bang the Table, you will be automatically notified of this.

For any enquiries, please email: heritage@act.gov.au or phone 6205 9974.

Yours sincerely



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