



Australian Heritage Advocacy Alliance (AHAA) 2022 Election Campaign

Congratulations on your candidacy.

AHAA is a non-partisan heritage advocacy group which unites heritage enthusiasts and stakeholders across Australia. AHAA is committed to ensuring that all candidates are fully aware that heritage matters – *really matters!*

Australia's heritage assets hold meaning for all citizens regardless of state and territory borders and legislation. Heritage assets embrace many forms and should be understood as *public assets* having demonstrable national 'value' – economic, cultural, social and environmental. See <https://ahaa.net.au>

You may or may not be aware that in October, 2020, an independent review of the primary federal legislation on heritage (EPBC Act 1999) was found to be inadequate and had failed. Australia's heritage protection system was clearly broken and fundamental policy reform was required. See [Samuel Review](#).

Amidst the current federal government heritage policy 'vacuum' – a lethal '*perfect storm*' exists - ignorance, apathy, inadequate funding and an absence of any political will to halt the downward spiral of heritage demolition across the nation.

Heritage enthusiasts are justifiably alarmed. They are well-informed, articulate, influential - and they vote in significant numbers. When they vote, they will seek reassurance that you are aware of their concerns, and aware of the proposed AHAA policy reforms.

AHAA now invites you to complete and return the **AHAA Candidate Survey** below ASAP. Voters will be able to access your views on heritage issues - including the proposed AHAA heritage policy 'solutions' presented on the AHAA website. Please email your response to AHAA: **Info@ahaa.net.au**

Your survey responses will be accurately lodged on the AHAA website, but updating will cease 1 week before the election. Candidates who choose not to respond to the Survey, or choose not to share their views, will also be noted on the AHAA website. See <https://ahaa.net.au/ahaa-campaign-contact/#survey>

On behalf of Heritage enthusiasts and heritage stakeholders all over Australia, I thank you – and I wish you good luck during the campaign.

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AHAA Candidate Survey 2022

All candidates in the 2022 Australian Federal Election are invited to simply respond to the following statements choosing a **Yes or No**. There is space for comment below. Please email your responses to AHAA at Info@ahaa.net.au or simply hit the 'reply' button. Your survey responses will be lodged on the AHAA website. See ahaa.net.au/ahaa-campaign-contact/#survey. We will also note the candidates who have not responded.

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| Your Name: | | | |
| Electorate: | | | |
| | | Yes | No |
| 1. | I recognise that Australia's heritage assets hold meaning for all citizens regardless of state and territory borders, and heritage assets embrace many forms. | | |
| 2. | I recognise that Australia's heritage assets have shared national 'value' – economic, cultural, social and environmental. | | |
| 3. | I recognise that the level of funding allocated to preserve or protect national heritage assets is inadequate and this results in loss of irreplaceable heritage assets. | | |
| 4. | I am aware of the successful UK Heritage Lottery Fund and Foundation that has achieved immense public support and has delivered significant social, cultural and economic benefit. | | |

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| 5. | I support the establishment of an Australian National Heritage Lottery modelled on the UK Heritage Lottery and Foundation. | | |
| 6. | I support the establishment of an Australian Ministry for Heritage dedicated to the protection, management and preservation of our shared heritage assets. | | |

Please provide any comments:

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