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Is Heritage Protection a Priority for Our Politicians?

There is great pressure for urban development in Sydney and across New South Wales as highlighted in today's Sydney Morning Herald. The National Trust (NSW) does not believe this growth should be, or needs to be, at the expense of heritage conservation.

The National Trust is not anti-development but rather advocates for adaptive re-use of heritage properties. Just look at the campaigns we've helped to win: The Mint, QVB, Hyde Park Barracks.

So how much value do our politicians place on heritage conservation?
How do we best legislate to protect our heritage buildings and precious natural environments from inappropriate development?

These are the questions the National Trust will be asking the three major political parties in NSW tomorrow:

- The Hon. Kristina Keneally MP, Minister for Planning,
- Brad Hazzard MP, Shadow Minister for Planning, and
- Sylvia Hale MLC, NSW Greens Spokesman on Planning and Heritage

The discussion will be chaired by Quentin Dempster (ABC TV's *Stateline*).

Date: Wednesday 29 April |
Time: 7.30 to 9.00am
Place: Intercontinental Sydney
Bookings: 9258 0181

http://www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au/events/corporatebreakfast/Committing_To_Our_Heritage/default.asp

"The Trust and its 22,000 members look to our political representatives for leadership on heritage. Tomorrow's Breakfast will give our leading politicians a chance to set out their position on heritage as we begin to cast our eye towards the next State election," said John Neish, Executive Director of The National Trust of Australia (NSW).

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