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Listings are positive step for Heritage

Heritage listing the icons QVB, Luna Park and Sydney's Town Hall may be overdue but has been warmly welcomed by the National Trust.

Minister Keneally's direction to the Heritage Council, to protect these iconic examples of Australia's history, is another positive step by this Minister but there is still more to be done.

John Neish, Executive Director of The National Trust said: "The Trust recommended these listings and we are delighted to see that the advice we gave has been heard. What we need now is for the Minister to consider our suggestion to list the Cumberland Plains' colonial homesteads, in keeping with her recently announced heritage themes.

"People may be surprised to learn that the QVB, Luna Park and Town Hall are not already protected by the State Heritage list. Other great cities around the world are defined by their icons. At the National Trust we are constantly defending icons of our heritage, whether it was our campaign to save the QVB from demolition in the seventies, or battling to protect green suburbs like Ku-ring-gai from over development.

"Times like this are cause for reflection. What in your local area is not protected? You may think it is valuable but do others? The National Trust, a charity with no regulatory power, is here to champion your heritage. And on days like these, when Sydney's icons are in the process of being officially recognised as special, there can be a moment of rejoicing for the prolonged life of the past that was part of forming our State's history."

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