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### **Jobs and Heritage boosted by stimulus**

The National Trust of Australia (NSW) has received \$2,585,000 from the Jobs Fund stimulus package, announced by Federal Environment and Heritage Minister Peter Garrett.

The National Trust Centre, at Observatory Hill, will receive \$1,200,000 for conservation and refurbishment works of sandstone, timberwork and brickwork, address deficiencies in interpretation, as well as upgrading and streamlining the entrances, offices and function spaces.

Everglades at Leura will receive \$1,385,000 to undertake conservation work and the establishment of visitor facilities. This involves improved onsite café/restaurant facilities incorporating new visitor amenities, making more parts of the property accessible for people with a disability, representation of the main house and external lighting for safe use of the property at night.

John Neish, Executive Director of the National Trust of Australia (New South Wales) said, "The funding the National Trust has received will allow for the conservation and restoration of key heritage properties in NSW. This will help create jobs, and preserve these iconic properties for future generations to enjoy".

The National Trust has received \$4,735,000 in grants this year from the Government. Other projects funded include Old Government House, Parramatta, Grossmann and Brough House, Maitland and Dundullimal Homestead, Dubbo. The projects are now underway and will continue over the next year.

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