

## SUBMISSION NO. 77

The following is a submission to the Inquiry into a Sustainability Charter from Pine Rivers Shire Council.

This submission is in response to the question "Do we need to protect heritage buildings as part of the sustainability charter?" (p17 of the Discussion Paper) under the heading of "The built environment".

Protection of cultural heritage is an important part of being sustainable and meeting the needs of current and future generations to understand and connect with their culture and history.

Protection of cultural heritage will include both buildings and sites.

Care needs to be taken when looking at increasing densities and decreasing our ecological footprint to resist the urge to start with a clean slate and demolish historic buildings. We must ensure that a representative sample of different types and styles of historic buildings, with different connections to our culture are protected for the future. There will be scope to use some of these buildings for other uses provided the historic significance is incorporated into the new use.

It should be possible for both historic buildings and new buildings to exist in a cohesive manner that enriches the public realm and provides us a link with our past.

Protection of cultural heritage sites that do not include buildings is also an important aspect of sustainability. It may be that some sites also have biodiversity, scenic amenity or other landscape values that will help protect the cultural and historic values. As with buildings, a representative sample of sites should be protected.

It should also be possible to create measurable targets for the protection of heritage buildings.

Any questions please contact me (details below)

Regards,

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