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### National Trust targets election to pitch Australia's heritage

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A week out from the 2010 Federal Election, the Australian Council of National Trusts has called on all Australian political parties to consider Australian heritage.

Chairman of the Australian Council of National Trusts, Dr Graeme Blackman, speaking on behalf of the 80,000 National Trust members, says there are a number of factors that need to be considered when ensuring the future of Australia's heritage.

"I would like to ask all political parties contesting the 2010 Federal Election to think about actively conserving heritage of international and national significance and supporting the work of the National Trusts of Australia," Dr Blackman said. "It is also important that we recognise threats to Australia's heritage and act with Commonwealth, State and local governments and the community to protect important heritage."

The Australian National Trust movement is a national leader in heritage conservation, working closely with government and community. It is the only organisation concerned with all heritage, natural, indigenous, cultural and intangible, for the benefit of all Australians.

The National Trusts work closely with Government by managing projects with specified objectives and components to assist the Heritage Division in DEWHA in achieving its objectives in relation to the identification, conservation and public understanding and appreciation of Australia's natural and cultural heritage places.

Dr Blackman finished by stating his desire to work with the elected Government into the future.

"The National Trust movement looks forward to a productive working relationship with the new Government to deliver positive outcomes for heritage conservation in Australia," Dr Blackman said.

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