PROTECTING BUILT HERITAGE ON NATIONAL LAND IN CANBERRA

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MAP OF NATIONAL LAND
Matters of National significance include:

- The pre-eminence of the role of Canberra and the Territory as the centre of National Capital functions, and as the symbol of Australian national life and values.
- Conservation and enhancement of the landscape features which give the National Capital its character and setting, and which contribute to the integration of natural and urban environments.
- Respect for the key elements of the Griffins’ formally adopted plan for Canberra.
- Creation, conservation and enhancement of fitting site, approaches and backdrops for national institutions and ceremonies as well as National Capital uses.
- The development of a city which both respects environmental values and reflects national concerns with the sustainability of Australia’s urban areas.
LEGISLATION

- Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act
  - Commonwealth owned and occupied;
  - Privately owned but leased by a Commonwealth Department;
  - Leased by a Department to private organisation.
- Commonwealth Heritage List
- ACT Heritage Act
- Agreements for individual properties
- National Capital Plan - controls exteriors, open space and the Lake
ACT PROPERTIES

ACT Government assets exist within National Land and some are of heritage value.

However sometimes there is a commitment to conserve by listing on ACT Heritage Register or an agreement, but sometimes there is no protection.
ISSUES

- Lack of protection
  - Civic Olympic Pool
  - Hyatt Hotel Canberra
- Lack of adequate controls
  - Deakin/Forrest Residential Area
- Lack of appeal or review
RECENT ISSUES

- ANU
- Manuka Oval
- CSIRO Headquarters Campbell
ANSWERS?

- There must be a better way.
- Coordinate.
- Similar process/control.