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Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Review
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RE: SUBMISSION TO THE SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST (THE TRUST) REVIEW

I write to you on behalf of my constituents and as a member of The Trust Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

The electorate of Warringah is proud to have two of the Trust sites – Headland Park in Mosman and North Head Sanctuary in Manly – within its locality.

Situated at the gateway to Sydney Harbour, these iconic sites are places of remarkable Aboriginal, colonial and military heritage that have irreplaceable cultural, environmental, historical and educational value.

As sites of national significance, it is right and proper that the Commonwealth take ownership of and responsibility for their ongoing governance, care and protection.

It is for these reasons that, on behalf of my constituents, I submit that:

- The Harbour Trust should remain custodian of Trust lands in perpetuity and should remain a Commonwealth entity;
- The Commonwealth should fund the Trust on an ongoing basis to rehabilitate and maintain these sites;
- The existing legislative protections must be maintained and not diluted to ensure these sites are kept safe from redevelopment;
- The Harbour Trust Board should be modified and depoliticised with identified positions assigned to indigenous, military, heritage and environment;
- The relationship between the Harbour Trust Board and the CAC should be strengthened by appointing a member of the CAC to the Board.

These steps will ensure the legacy of former Prime Minister John Howard, who established The Trust to preserve these lands, protect them from development risk and maintain them as sanctuaries to be enjoyed and loved by all Australians, is maintained.

I thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Review on behalf of my constituents and look forward to your recommendations.

Yours Sincerely,

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Federal Member for Warringah