Technical Advisory Group

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Heritage Council of NSW is committed to promoting best practice in the conservation of materials in heritage items, buildings and sites.

The role of the Heritage Council’s Technical Advisory Group is to:

- Identify and monitor emerging issues in practical building and materials conservation
- Provide advice on technical materials conservation issues to the Heritage Council and Heritage Branch and the community.
- Publish guidelines on materials conservation practice.
- Organise seminars on materials conservation topics.
- Monitor technical conservation practice, and the supply of skill and materials to carry it out.
- Raise standards in architectural conservation practice.
- Liaise with academic, training institutions and private industry to encourage targeted materials research and training.

The Technical Advisory Group is established under the Heritage Act 1977, with its members appointed by the Heritage Council.

Expressions of interest are invited for appointment to the Technical Advisory Group for 3 years (with the possibility of a second 3 year term) from persons with the following qualifications and experience:

- Heritage architects with a minimum of 10 years experience in the documentation and supervision of the physical conservation of heritage buildings.
- Materials scientists, eg with knowledge in metallurgy, polymer science, or geology, with at least 10 years experience in their field and demonstrated experience with the conservation of building materials. Other specialisations are welcome to apply.
- Tradespeople with a minimum of 10 years experience in the conservation of heritage buildings.
- Conservators with a minimum of 10 years experience in the conservation of built heritage items.
- Academic staff at tertiary institutions from the fields of materials conservation, conservation training, traditional trades training or cultural heritage management.
- Asset or property managers from either the private or public sector with at least 10 years experience of managing heritage items, buildings or sites.

Two current members who provide structural engineering and general building advice have completed one term, and are being proposed for reappointment for a second term.

Members drawn from a variety of organisations and workplaces will be preferred. More than one member may be selected from any one category. It is hoped that 6-8 new members will be able to be appointed. Members should be residents of New South Wales.

The Technical Advisory Group and the Heritage Council are also supported in their work by the Heritage Council’s other technical panel, the Fire Access and Services Advisory Panel which advises on fire, building code and other upgrading issues for heritage listed sites.


Appointments will be on a part-time (usually 4 half day meetings per year) basis for 3 years.

Interested individuals are invited to reply, briefly stating capability, relevant qualifications and experience with respect to the Technical Advisory Group’s roles. Please also attach a brief Curriculum Vitae (CV).

Remuneration: Standard fees of $104 per half day and $208 per full day are payable, together with travelling and subsistence allowances when appropriate.

Inquiries: Elisha Long on (02) 9873 8595.

Closing date: Monday, 11th January, 2010.

Expressions of interest should be marked “Confidential” and addressed to Elisha Long, Heritage Branch, Department of Planning, Locked Bag 5020, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124 or by email to elisha.long@planning.nsw.gov.au