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Consultation to continue on KAVHA heritage listing

Norfolk Island Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, Vicky Jack MLA has welcomed this week's visit of the Australian Heritage Council (AHC), which for the first time held a full council meeting in Norfolk Island.

Mrs Jack said that the Australian Heritage Council is the principal adviser to the Australian Government on heritage matters. The Council assesses nominations for the National Heritage List, the Commonwealth Heritage List and the List of Overseas Places of Historic Significance to Australia. The Council also maintains the Register of the National Estate. The Council was first appointed on 19 February 2004 for a three-year term. In May 2007 a newly constituted Council was appointed by the then Minister for the Environment and Water Resources. In August 2007, the Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historic Area (KAVHA) was added to the National Heritage list, largely in recognition of the outstanding heritage value of the Third Settlement period.

"Council members were given detailed inspection tours through KAVHA and Cascade", Mrs Jack said. "I personally found it very valuable to be able to explain the concerns raised by local landowners face to face with the influential members of the Council. I am certain that all of the issues raised have been taken seriously and that real consultation will continue".

Mrs Jack said that there has been ongoing consultation and information about possible World Heritage listing for KAVHA with the Norfolk Island community for at least the past 18 months. Such listing would provide a tremendous opportunity to tell the world of the significance of Norfolk Island. The Minister reaffirmed that the Norfolk Island Government continued to maintain its policy positions that there would be no new legal controls and no new layers of management, both of which would be delivered.

The Minister said that the new KAVHA Conservation Management Plan will be progressive and will support the ongoing community uses of KAVHA. The new Plan is expected to be available for public comment early in the new year.

Stephanie V Jack
Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare

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