



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

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Conservation Plan to provide for long-term future of Parliament House

The Speaker of the Queensland Parliament John Mickel has launched a comprehensive Conservation Plan for Parliament House, the State's foremost heritage building.

A copy of the Conservation Plan, which includes a detailed history of Parliament House and its furnishings and other contents, was tabled in State Parliament today.

Mr Mickel said that as the Parliament approached its 150th anniversary next month it was timely to commemorate the milestone with the launch of the Conservation Plan.

"The decision to construct a purpose-built parliamentary building in the early 1860s was remarkably ambitious", Mr Mickel said.

"It showed great courage and foresight by our early colonial leaders to commit themselves to building this beautiful building.

"As a heritage building, the ongoing maintenance of Parliament House can be a difficult and complicated process.

"That is why having this Conservation Plan is vital in guiding how we use the building and how we ensure that it remains in good shape.

"The past is important – the better we know where we have come from, the better we know where we are now, and the better placed we are to chart where we want to head in the future.

"This Conservation Plan not only documents what we have by way of buildings and contents and other assets, it provides the blueprint for the Parliament to conserve and protect the building, contents and other assets into the future.

"It will result in greater awareness and understanding of the heritage value and significance of Parliament House.

"It will also result in more specific, more encompassing – and thus more effective – conservation policies and practices.

"The Parliament's adherence to the recommendations generally of this report will see the building in sound shape for its 150 years, and also on a solid footing for its next 150 years," Mr Mickel said.

The Conservation Plan can be viewed online at-

<http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/legislativeAssembly/tableOffice/documents/TabledPapers/2010/5310T2073.pdf>

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