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Committee Secretary  
Community Support and Services Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000  
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Dear Secretary

I refer to the invitation of the Community Support and Services Committee for submissions in respect to the Queensland Veterans' Council Bill 2021 (the Bill), currently being considered by the Committee.

I am writing on behalf of the Queensland Heritage Council (Heritage Council), to make a submission in support of the Bill.

The Heritage Council is established under the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992* (Heritage Act). The functions of the Heritage Council include encouraging an interest in and understanding of Queensland's cultural heritage, and advising government and other entities about cultural heritage.

One of the three main purposes of the Bill (clause 3(a)) is to manage, maintain, preserve and develop Anzac Square as the State's war memorial. Anzac Square was entered in the Queensland heritage register (QHR) under the Heritage Act as a State heritage place, on 21 August 1992, the date of proclamation of the Act.

The statement of significance in the QHR entry describes Anzac Square as having cultural heritage significance as a State memorial for major commemorative occasions and as a rare example of formal urban design combining green and built elements, including the Shrine of Remembrance, and memorials.

The Heritage Council commends the Bill, which will encourage maintenance of the cultural heritage significance of Anzac Square in a number of ways.

#### **Clause 9**

The functions of the Queensland Veterans' Council (QVC) include requirements to preserve and manage and maintain the cultural heritage significance of Anzac Square.

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**Clause 13**

The Bill enables the Minister to appoint a member of the QVC who has qualifications or experience in heritage conservation. This expertise will foster wise decisions by the QVC that recognise and maintain the cultural heritage values of Anzac Square.

**Clause 48**

The QVC is required to prepare and implement a plan to conserve and manage the cultural heritage significance of Anzac Square, that must be reviewed at least once every 5 years and given to the Heritage Council for endorsement. The QVC is also required to report to the Minister and to the Heritage Council about the implementation of the plan every financial year.

The Heritage Council views clause 48 as an important element of the Bill, as it will ensure the QVC is accountable for preservation of Anzac Square, of such great importance to the people of Queensland. It is very fitting for the Heritage Council, representing the broader interests of the community in cultural heritage, to assist the QVC in this regard.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Best".

Debbie Best  
Chair