Question on Notice No. 388 Asked on 8 March 2007

QUESTION:

MR BOMBALAS asked the Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism (Ms Nelson-Carr)—

How does the Government plan to identify Queensland heritage places before they are lost to development and are there any places of such interest in the Chatsworth Electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for his question.

As an outcome of a significant review of the operation of heritage legislation in Queensland, the Government has allocated funding of \$2.7 million over five years to undertake a State-wide Heritage Survey. The purpose of the survey is to identify and protect the State's important heritage places.

This new survey process will ensure greater planning certainty for the Queensland community, and put an end to the era of reactive nominations to the Heritage Register. Survey teams are already investigating the Mackay region and the Sunshine Coast, and it is anticipated that planning for surveys in the Brisbane area will commence shortly in close consultation with the Brisbane City Council.

The Chatsworth Electorate, which includes the important historical areas of Tingalpa and Capalaba, will be surveyed shortly as part of the Brisbane survey. It is anticipated that this component of the State-wide Heritage Survey will identify a number of places which may be of heritage importance. From past nominations within the electorate, three places have been permanently entered in the Queensland Heritage Register. These places are —

- Christ Church and Burial Ground, Tingalpa;
- Old Cleveland Road Tramway Tracks; and
- An Australian Anti-Aircraft Battery site.

The survey will identify other historical places within the Chatsworth Electorate that may be of potential heritage significance.

The progress of the State Heritage Survey and the addition of significant historical places to the State Heritage Register will ensure long lasting protection for the heritage of Queensland, including the Electorate of Chatsworth, for present and future generations.