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NORTH BANK RETHINK WELCOMED

The National Trust of Queensland welcomes the opportunity to participate in a new consultative process for North Bank and commends Government for listening to the community concerns.

While there is strong support for upgrading the North Bank precinct, the National Trust's petition, now with over 2,000 signatures, shows there is substantial community opposition to the current development proposal in the river.

Dr John Jackson, President of the National Trust said "My earnest request to the politicians is to please look at the evidence, and then show strength of character and change your mind. Future and present generations will thank you."

The Enquiry by Design process, announced today by the Premier, should encourage more debate on the key environmental and heritage issues such as river flows, flooding, traffic and city views.

However, the Trust is still concerned that Government will try to address major issues with minor changes rather than challenge the fundamental principles and start again.

The redevelopment of the North Bank precinct has to be ecologically sustainable and recognize the Brisbane River's flood patterns. We should be aiming to create the heritage of tomorrow.

If you would like to sign the National Trust's petition opposing North Bank, go to www.nationaltrustqld.org and add your name or telephone 3229 1788 to request a petition form.

Our Mission:
**IDENTIFY, PRESERVE
AND PROMOTE OUR
HERITAGE**

**John Jackson
President, National Trust of Queensland
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