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National Trust welcomes Labor commitment to Albert Hall – but more is needed

The ACT National Trust welcomes the announcement made by Senator Kate Lundy, Bob McMullan MP and Annette Ellis MP this week committing \$500, 000 towards conservation of Albert Hall. But more commitment is needed from government to ensure the future of the heritage listed place.

The ACT National Trust heritage Officer, Dr Peter Dowling, stated today that while this announcement of specific funding is welcome we would like to see a comprehensive heritage policy put in place with long-term program funding to support the Albert Hall well into the future.

The sum of \$500,000 is a substantial contribution but as the Albert Hall has suffered from neglect over a long period it will not go far in rectifying repairs to the building fabric.

The announcement by Labor did not specify if the funds were to be released in full or spread out over a period of time.

Albert Hall is an icon of Canberra's history but it is one of many heritage listed places representing the development of our city as the National Capital. The National Trust would like to see a more dedicated commitment by future Commonwealth Governments to protecting and preserving our heritage listed places.

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