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Trust pleased that Braidwood makes State Heritage Register

The National Trust welcomes today's announcement by the Minister for Planning, the Hon. Frank Sartor, of the listing of the town of Braidwood on the State Heritage Register.

"The Minister is to be congratulated on this decision which illustrates that protection of historic, architectural and scenic values can be achieved while allowing proper and sustainable growth in colonial period towns such as Braidwood," said Trust Executive Director Tina Jackson.

The majority of Braidwood residents supported the listing on the State Heritage Register (three surveys by the local council confirm this). Even those opposed hadn't argued that it wasn't worthy of listing and, although very vocal, the opposition was a minority in the local community.

"Much can be learnt from this process to understand the fears and concerns that drove the opposition and to ensure that such listings are welcomed for the benefits that they bring to historic towns. They don't prevent development but are a positive statement of a town's significance for the state of New South Wales," said Ms Jackson.

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