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Dear Sir/Madam

**Inquiry into matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula**

I make the following submission to this inquiry, particularly in regard to Term of Reference (c) — the heritage protection of ANZAC Cove.

I am a heritage consultant with over twenty years experience in the care of Australian heritage places, and am a member of Australian and international professional and technical bodies related to heritage conservation. I am familiar with the challenge of managing complex heritage sites, having served a six year term as chair of a Heritage Advisory Panel for the Port Arthur Historic Site in Tasmania.

I submit that the heritage importance (the significance or values) of the Gallipoli Peninsula will be best retained and the site best managed if a conservation management planning approach is adopted and implemented. This approach is embodied in an Australian document, The Burra Charter, which is a set of guiding principles for application to heritage places produced by Australia ICOMOS, the Australian chapter of the international organisation ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites).

The Burra Charter, which has been internationally acclaimed as a sensible approach to managing heritage places, advocates a staged process of first understanding why a place is important before developing policy and determining management actions for the place. The Charter is available at [www.international.icomos.org/charters](http://www.international.icomos.org/charters) and a hard copy can be provided if Australia ICOMOS has not already done so. Published in 2004, the Illustrated Burra Charter provides expanded commentary and illustrated examples of the application of the Charter's principles.

The Burra Charter advocates the use of all the skills and disciplines that can contribute to the understanding and care of a heritage place, and a recognition that many places have different values for different groups and that efforts should be made to accommodate those different values and to seek to resolve any conflicts that may arise. The conservation management planning process provides for consultation with stakeholders and communities with strong associations with a heritage place. These principles are relevant to the Gallipoli Peninsula as a whole, and particularly to ANZAC Cove.

While considering this submission I have seen press coverage of a dispute over Hellfire Pass in Thailand (Sydney Morning Herald, 7 June p.1, and 8 June p.2). Taking the reports at face value, it seems to me that this is another important war site that would benefit from the conservation management planning approach advocated by the Burra Charter.

Yours sincerely

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