

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) Strategic Priorities 2023–25



Priority	Focus	Actions
1. ACH Reform	Leverage the expertise of ACHAC in collaboration with Aboriginal Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Continued engagement with Aboriginal Affairs via regular meetings 1.2 Support and participate in ACH Reform initiatives as appropriate, such as via pilot programs or the establishment of an ACHAC working group 1.3 Review previous Committee advice and refine a clear position on key ACH Reform policy positions
2. Improve the current system	Support the delivery of improved outcomes for ACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Advocate for strategic Aboriginal Place listing and Aboriginal SHR program priorities 2.2 Collaborate with the Heritage Council of NSW to improve the processes for recognition of ACH values in SHR listings 2.3 Support better ACH regulation via provision of policy advice on matters such as AHIP methodology, consultation principles and practices 2.4 Support initiatives for local decision making by Aboriginal people on ACH matters (such as National Parks hand back, water rights)
3. Influence outcomes	Drive strategic approach to provision of advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Focus on the provision of high-quality advice aligned to strategic priorities 3.2 Establish a strategic process and guidelines for the referral of relevant matters to ACHAC 3.3 Identify and respond to emerging issues 3.4 Advocate for the ongoing protection, preservation and promotion of ACH
4. Promotion and Engagement	Elevate the role of ACHAC as an advisory body to the Minister	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Establish strategic presence through regular communication with the Minister 4.2 Pursue leadership and educational initiatives to support local communities in protecting their heritage across the state 4.3 Raise the profile of ACHAC via promotional, community and industry engagement opportunities (e.g. ICOMOS, HCOANZ, regional meetings)
5. ACHAC Governance	Ensure ACHAC operates in accordance with NPW Act and best practice governance standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 Update ACHAC Terms of Reference to comply with Government standards 5.2 Develop ACHAC-specific Code of Conduct and Cultural Protocols Policy to guide the work of the Committee 5.3 Establish a training and development plan for ACHAC members 5.4 Conduct an annual evaluation of the Committees' performance