



Government Role in Protecting the Cultural Heritage of Vastenburg Fortress in Surakarta City

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ABSTRACT

This legal writing aims to analyze several aspects. Firstly, to examine the role of the government in providing protection for the cultural heritage of Vastenburg Fortress in Surakarta City. Secondly, to analyze the obstacles in providing legal protection for the cultural heritage of Vastenburg Fortress in Surakarta City.

This research employs a normative empirical research method by gathering primary data obtained through interviews with informants and respondents, as well as secondary data by studying various primary legal materials (various legislation), secondary legal materials (books, journals, and theses), and tertiary legal materials such as the Kamus Besar Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian Dictionary).

The findings of this research highlight two crucial points. Firstly, the government through authorized institutions responsible for the preservation and protection of the cultural heritage of Vastenburg Fortress, namely the Surakarta City Cultural and Tourism Office and the Regional Cultural Preservation Agency X, has indeed carried out several activities aimed at conserving and safeguarding cultural heritage. These activities include establishing institutions responsible for cultural heritage preservation, maintaining expert teams in each city for cultural heritage, organizing competitions related to cultural heritage, and conducting public awareness campaigns on cultural heritage preservation. Despite these efforts, the government has not yet taken action to preserve Vastenburg Fortress Cultural Heritage. This is evident from the dire condition of Vastenburg Fortress Cultural Heritage, and the government has not made efforts to save this cultural heritage site, thus failing to fulfill its obligations to protect Vastenburg Fortress Cultural Heritage as stipulated by the UUCB (Law on Cultural Heritage). Secondly, barriers to protecting Vastenburg Fortress Cultural Heritage include numerous cases of cultural heritage violations, limited government budgets, lack of government prioritization of cultural heritage, insufficient public awareness and participation in cultural heritage preservation, and a shortage of skilled human resources in the field of cultural heritage.

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