



FACT SHEET

Local heritage planning policy review

Why is the City of Melbourne reviewing its local heritage policies?

The City of Melbourne is undertaking a review of the two local heritage policies in the Melbourne Planning Scheme to improve the way we make heritage planning decisions. The review has come about as a result of:

- Community feedback on the City of Melbourne's Heritage Strategy 2013, which identified a number of areas where our policies and other heritage conservation tools could be improved.
- Recent planning panel recommendations.

- The introduction of the Victorian Government's Practice Note on applying heritage overlays in planning schemes, which identifies how levels of significance should be applied to local heritage places and what information should be included in statements of significance.

It is important that our local heritage planning policies are updated in order to meet current best practice and to ensure consistency with Victorian Government requirements.

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What changes are being proposed?

The changes proposed as part of the review include:

- Updating the current grading system used to categorise the heritage value of sites and bringing them into line with Victorian Government requirements.
- Developing statements of significance for seven of the heritage precincts outside the Capital City Zone that do not have them.
- Updating both policies in order to clarify previously unclear guidelines.

How does it affect me?

The review is in the very early phases of development. This proposal does not affect any existing heritage sites and as yet no changes have been made to the Melbourne Planning Scheme.

How can I contribute to the review?

You can read our review paper and provide feedback via our online Participate Melbourne hub at melbourne.vic.gov.au/participate until 8 August.

What happens next?

This is the first stage in a 12 month consultation process that will include:

- Community engagement on the seven local heritage precincts including workshops and information gathering for statements of significance.
- Targeted stakeholder and community consultation for the review of the local heritage planning policies.
- Preparation of planning scheme amendments to implement the changes to the two policies into the Melbourne Planning Scheme, which will include statutory consultation.

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