

## **8. MANAGEMENT OF SITES OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE**

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### **8.01 General Policy**

The protection and conservation of land, features or buildings designated as Sites of Cultural Significance must be ensured.

### **8.02 Management of Sites of Cultural Significance**

The use, development, alteration or demolition of a site or feature, designated as a **Site of Cultural Significance** in **Schedule 2**, may only be allowed where it will be subject to a planning permit and where it is demonstrated that:

- the integrity and the special values of the site or feature will not be jeopardised; and
- where relevant, advice pursuant to the provisions of the Archaeological and Aboriginal Relics Preservation Act 1972 (as amended) and/or the Historical Buildings Act 1981, has been obtained and had regard to.

Restoration of Sites of Cultural Significance must be actively encouraged and all owners and occupiers of Sites of Cultural Significance must be informed of their site's importance and significance, and of the best ways to conserve and protect them.

Councils and other relevant bodies, such as the Victoria Archaeological Survey, Historic Buildings Council and National Trust of Australia (Victoria), should be encouraged to identify and evaluate further Sites of Cultural Significance, and to develop and provide information and advisory services on the importance and significance of Sites of Cultural Significance, and on the best ways to conserve, protect and manage them.

### **8.03 Management of Sites of Cultural Significance on Public Land**

Sites of Cultural Significance located on Public Land must be conserved and be protected from any inappropriate land uses, works or undertakings, by ensuring that (where relevant) advice is obtained from the National Trust of Australia (Vic.), the Historic Buildings Council or the Victorian Archaeological Survey, prior to any works and undertakings on or in the vicinity of these sites or features, and no demolition or destruction of these sites or features occurs without the prior agreement of the Minister for Planning.

The identification of further Sites of Cultural Significance on Public Land within the Region must be encouraged, so that these sites, if they are significant, are not destroyed or adversely affected.