

#### HERITAGE & CHARACTER IN **A SNAPSHOT FOR** THE NEW PLANNING SYSTEM **PRACTITIONERS**

# WHAT HAPPENS NOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE NEW PLANNING SYSTEM

#### Port Pirie Museum is one of 2,295 State Heritage Places

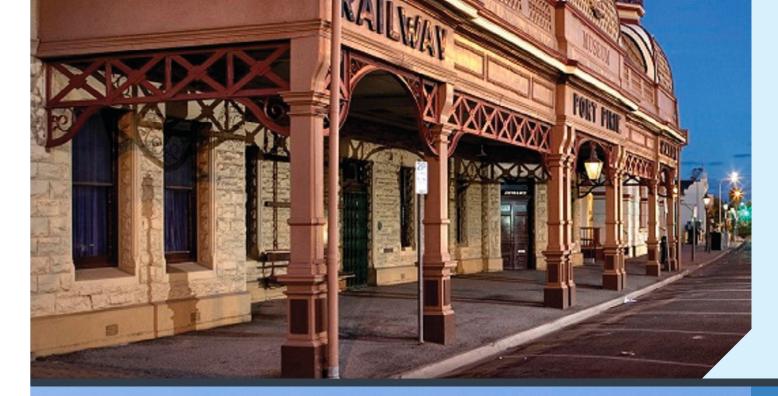


# **STATE HERITAGE AREAS & PLACES**

- The Heritage Places Act 1993 refers to the creation of State Heritage Areas but no criteria is identified.
- The criteria for State Heritage Places is outlined under the Heritage Places Act 1993.
- Development Plans provide a list of State Heritage Areas and State Heritage Places.
- Development Plans usually spatially map and provide policy to guide development within State Heritage Areas and Places.

#### **STATE HERITAGE AREAS OVERLAY & STATE HERITAGE PLACES OVERLAY**

- Existing State Heritage Areas and State Heritage Places will be equally protected in the new planning system via the Planning and Design Code.
- A new State Heritage Areas Overlay and a new State Heritage Places **Overlay** will more accurately map and identify these areas and places.
- Alterations, additions and demolition control will be 'performance-assessed'. However, development applications will continue to be referred to the Heritage Minister who will have increased power 'to direct' decision-making.
- A single set of consistent policies will apply across the state.
- Heritage impact statements will be retained as an assessment tool.



- The assessment process for the demolition of State Heritage Areas and Places varies between Development Plans but is usually 'non-complying'.
- Development applications are referred to the Heritage Minister for 'advice' only.
- There may be an opportunity for Design Review.

#### LOCAL HERITAGE PLACES

- The *Development Act* 1993 includes specific criteria for Local Heritage Places.
- Relevant Development Plans provide a list of Local Heritage Places and provide maps and policy to guide development.
- The assessment process for the **demolition** of Local Heritage Places varies between Development Plans but is usually 'on merit'.
- It is the responsibility of a local council or the State Commission Assessment Panel to assess applications.

#### LOCAL HERITAGE PLACES OVERLAY

- Existing Local Heritage Places will transition to the Planning and Design Code.
- A new Local Heritage Places Overlay will more accurately map and identify Local Heritage Places and related policy.
- A single set of consistent policies will apply across the state.
- Alterations, additions and demolition control will be assessed against criteria ('performance-assessed').
- Demolition will only be considered if a building:
  - » has little heritage value
  - » is structurally unsound or has public safety issues
- » is economically unviable.
- A heritage impact assessment will be required.
- Adaptive reuse policies will be strengthened.
- Deemed-to-satisfy policies will be available for development that does not affect heritage values e.g. demolition of a modern 'lean-to'.
- There may be an opportunity for Design Review.

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The Exeter Hotel on Rundle Street is one of 7,000 Local Heritage Places



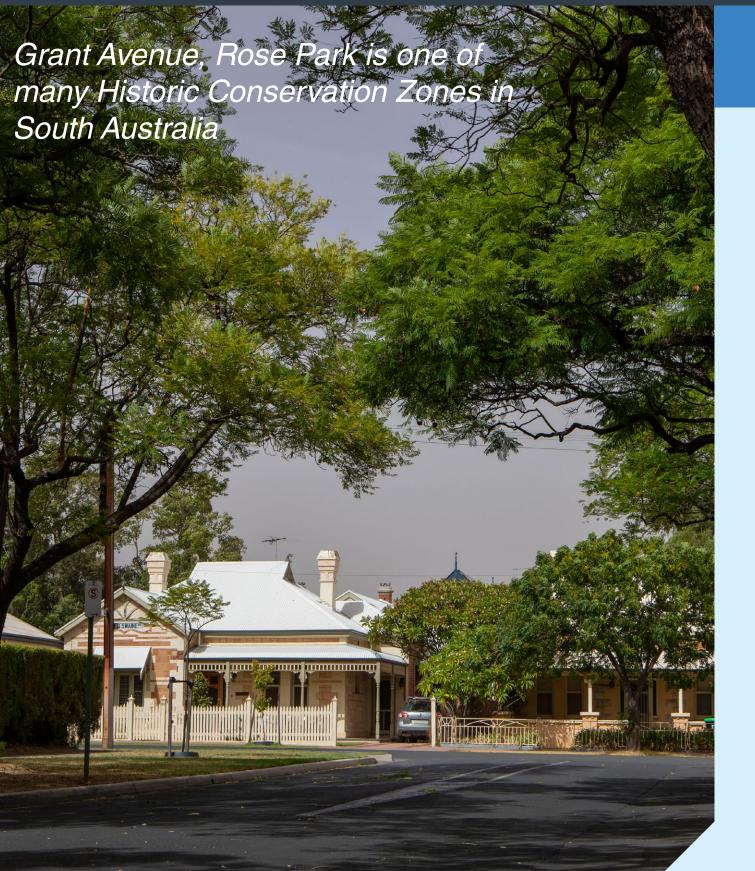
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# **HISTORIC CONSERVATION ZONES**

- There is currently no legislative criteria for the creation of Historic Conservation Zones/policy areas (including Contributory Items).
- Relevant Development Plans map Historic Conservation Zones/policy areas and contain policy to guide development.
- The *Development Act* 1993 lists development activity that is exempt from development approval within Historic Conservation Zones/ policy areas.
- The assessment process for the demolition of buildings within Historic Conservation Zones/ policy areas is 'on merit'.
- Many Historic Conservation Zones/policy areas include Contributory Items (however no new Contributory Items have been added since 2012).

### LOCAL HERITAGE AREA OVERLAY

- Historic Conservation Zones/policy areas and related policy areas will be mapped under a new Local Heritage Area Overlay in the Planning and Design Code.
- A single set of consistent policies will apply across the state.
- Alterations, additions and demolition control will be assessed against criteria ('performance-assessed').
- The criteria for demolition approval will include consideration of:
  - » heritage values of the existing building and contribution to the heritage values of the area
  - » proposed replacement dwelling
  - » contextual analysis outcomes
  - » how well the theme is represented.
- Contributory Items will not be individually identified in the new planning system but the policies within this new Local Heritage Area Overlay will address them.
- Eligible **Contributory Items** may be elevated to Local Heritage Places through the Development Plan Amendment process prior to the new planning system being implemented.
- There may be an opportunity for Design Review.

#### Cuming Street, Cowandilla is one of

many Character Areas in South Australia

## **CHARACTER AREAS**

- There is currently no legislative criteria for the creation of residential character/streetscape zones/policy areas.
- Relevant Development Plans map residential character/streetscape zones/policy areas and contain policy to guide development.

#### CHARACTER OVERLAY

- Residential character/streetscape zones/policy areas will be mapped under a new Character Overlay in the Planning and Design Code.
- A single set of consistent policies will apply across the state.
- Alterations and additions may be 'performance-assessed'.



- Planning consent for demolition is not required in the majority of residential character/ streetscape zones/policy areas as the policy focus is on the form and character of the replacement building/s.
- Certain types of simple development that does not impact on character will be exempt from development approval.
- Demolition will be classified as **accepted development** and therefore will not need planning consent.
- The development assessment process for **replacement dwellings** will require a contextual analysis to ensure that existing character is maintained/enhanced.
- There may be an opportunity for Design Review.

Timing for transitioning to the new planning system will be staged – regional council areas will transition in late 2019 and metropolitan council areas will transition mid-2020. Overlays contain policies and maps that show the location and extent of special land features or sensitivities, such as heritage places. They may apply across one or more zones. Deemed-to-satisfy provisions within suburban neighbourhood zones or other underlying zones will be 'turned off' by the relevant overlay and will not apply. For further information and definitions, see the Practitioner Overview of Heritage & Character in the New Planning System on the SA Planning Portal at saplanningportal.sa.gov.au.

