



What are Heritage Guidelines?

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Heritage Guidelines are made by the ACT Heritage Council to conserve the heritage significance of places and objects, including those nominated for provisional registration. Previously in the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991* (Land Act) and the *Heritage Objects Act 1991*, these were conservation requirements (also called specific requirements). Additional Heritage Guidelines are currently being developed.

Heritage Guidelines determine how development is to take place in an area which is a heritage place or which contains a heritage object. They directly affect the advice given by the Heritage Council to the ACT Planning and Land Authority about the impact of development applications on heritage significance, particularly in relation to ways of avoiding or minimising the effect of a development on the heritage significance of a place or object. They also affect the making of Heritage Orders, the making of Heritage Agreements, and the giving of Heritage Directions.

Heritage Guidelines may address matters such as:

- demolition of registered structures, or alterations and additions to registered structures;
- residential heritage precincts (including new buildings in those precincts);
- rural heritage places;
- Aboriginal heritage places and objects;
- natural heritage places;
- non-Aboriginal objects; and
- undertaking development affecting the heritage significance of a place (including development not requiring approval under the Land Act).

Before making new Heritage Guidelines, the Heritage Council publishes a consultation notice that sets out:

- the effect of the proposed guidelines;

- the likely places or objects to which the guidelines would apply;
- details of how to obtain further information about the proposed guidelines; and
- an invitation to make comments about the proposed guidelines to the Council.

If the proposed guidelines relate to an Aboriginal place or object, the Heritage Council will give a copy of the consultation notice to each Representative Aboriginal Organisation.

The Heritage Council will consider any comments about the proposed guidelines that are submitted during the public consultation period. The Council then presents the guidelines to the Minister for Heritage for tabling in the Legislative Assembly.

Once approved by the Legislative Assembly they will be posted on the Environment ACT Website or may be inspected at the Heritage Unit, Level 2 Macarthur House, 12 Wattle St, Lyneham or the Customer Service Centre for the ACT Planning and Land Authority at Dame Patti Menzies House, 16 Challis Street, Dickson.

The material in this information sheet is provided for general information only, and should not be relied upon for the purpose of a particular matter covered by the Act.

The Heritage Act is available at:
www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2004-57/default.asp

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