The Heritage Protection System in Victoria

Global Protection

A **place** of outstanding universal value

- ***World Heritage Convention 1972***
- **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)**
- **World Heritage List**

International non-governmental organisations like the **International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)**

National Protection

A **place** of outstanding heritage value to the nation

- ***Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999***
- **Australian Government** with advice from the **Australian Heritage Council**
- ***Australian Heritage Council Act 2003***
- **Commonwealth Heritage List**
- **National Heritage List**
- ***Underwater Cultural Heritage Act 2018***

The Victorian Government protects shipwrecks and underwater cultural heritage in Commonwealth waters off the coast of Victoria.

State Protection

A **place** or **object** of heritage value to the State of Victoria

- **Minister for Treaty and First Peoples**
  - ***Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006***
  - **First Peoples – State Relations with Traditional Owners**, the **Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council** and **Registered Aboriginal Parties**
    - *Protects and manages Aboriginal cultural heritage and intangible heritage and recognises Aboriginal people as the primary guardians of their cultural heritage.*
    - **Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register**
- **Minister for Planning**
  - ***Heritage Act 2017***
    - **Heritage Council of Victoria**
      - Independent statutory authority which determines what to include in the Victorian Heritage Register. It is the review body for permit and consent decisions made by Heritage Victoria.
    - **Heritage Victoria**
      - Responsible for state significant heritage places/objects included in VHR, historical archaeological sites included in the VHI, and shipwrecks.
      - **Victorian Heritage Inventory**
      - **Victorian Heritage Register**

Local Protection

A **place** of heritage value to a suburb, locality, or municipality

- **Minister for Planning**
  - ***Planning and Environment Act 1987***
  - **Local councils**
    - Responsible for proposing what to include in the Heritage Overlay and making decisions about changes to places in the Heritage Overlay. This includes heritage studies, planning scheme amendments, permit applications and enforcing compliance.
    - **Heritage Overlay – part of a local planning scheme**

Organisations

- **National Trust**
- **Local heritage and historical societies**
  - Community-based, non-government organisations that advocate for heritage.

For more information about Victorian heritage and how it is protected, see all the resources from the Heritage Information Pack, at heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/heritage-protection/heritage_info_pack/

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