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(1) Purpose & scope of this policy

The purpose of the policy is to provide a clear process for the identification and assessment of the heritage value of government property and consideration for disposal, and for relevant protection to be provided where appropriate. Observing good conservation practice is important in the context of the State Government being the largest single owner of heritage places in WA. It should be noted that:

- "Dispose" includes the sale, transfer or lease of a property outside the State government sector (where the transfer or lease is for a duration of at least 10 years) and includes demolition.
- The policy applies to all State government departments, and to all statutory authorities as listed in Schedule 1 to the Financial Administration and Audit Act.

(2) Prior notification to the Heritage Council

Notification of a proposed disposal should be supplied to the Heritage Council a minimum of 4 months prior to placement of the property on the market, or prior to a proposed demolition.

The Heritage Council, or the Heritage Branch of the Department of Conservation & Management Services, is able to assist agencies in making a decision as to whether a notification is warranted.

(3) Notification criteria

Buildings and structures will generally need to be considered as part of this process if they:

- are 60 years old or more
- are already listed on an existing heritage list such as a Municipal Inventory, or
- display other evidence of potential significance in terms of Aesthetic, Historic, Social or Scientific value.

(4) Assessments - who commissions?

Assessments may be commissioned by the Heritage Council, the Heritage Branch of the Department of Conservation & Management Services, or (in conjunction with the Heritage Council) by the agency concerned.

The Heritage Council must be supplied with a copy of the assessment where it is commissioned by another body, and if the assessment is insufficiently thorough for the Council to make an informed decision, the Council may request that the assessment be augmented or revised (at the agency's cost).

The Heritage Council is responsible for recommending which of the action "options" the property should be allocated to.

(5) Local Government liaison

This process does not obviate the need to consult with a local authority where an agency is contemplating a demolition, or a disposal otherwise involving redevelopment of land. Demolition and redevelopment of buildings and places of local heritage significance are important local issues (planning issues).

