

South Australian Heritage Council

SUMMARY OF THE ROLE OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

1. Establishment of Heritage Council

1.1 The South Australian Heritage Council is established as a statutory committee under the Heritage Places Act 1993.

2. Objectives of the Heritage Council

2.1 The objectives are to provide strategic advice to the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation on matters pertaining to heritage conservation in South Australia.

3. Functions of the Heritage Council

3.1 The Terms of Reference of the Council are to provide advice (especially from a strategic perspective) to the Minister on matters relating to –

- (a) Trends, shortcomings and opportunities with respect to heritage protection at the State and local level and, insofar as may be relevant, at the national level; and
- (b) The development, and effectiveness, of heritage conservation programs, policies, initiatives and incentives; and
- (c) The operation and enforcement of this Act; and
- (d) Other issues referred to the Council by the Minister for consideration and report.

3.2 In connection with the administration of the Heritage Places Act 1993, the Council's functions are –

- (a) To administer the South Australian Heritage Register; and
- (b) To identify places, and related objects, of State heritage significance, and to enter them in the Register; and
- (c) To identify areas of State heritage significance, and to promote their establishment, in appropriate cases, as State Heritage Areas under the Development Act 1993; and
- (d) To initiate or support community awareness programs that promote public understanding and appreciation of the State's heritage, taking into account the objects of the Heritage Act; and
- (e) To promote the objects of this Act in such other manner as the Council thinks fit, including through the work of other bodies or persons.

3.3 The Council may –

- (a) establish criteria that are to be taken into account when determining whether an area should be established as a State Heritage Area; and
- (b) establish guidelines that are to be used in the interpretation or application of the criteria that apply under (a) above, and the criteria set out in section 16 of the Heritage Places Act 1993.

3.4 The Council must establish and maintain a list of persons who are recognised by the Council as being appropriately qualified (including by virtue of their skills or experience) for the purposes of the Heritage Places Act 1993, or for the purposes of those provisions of the Development Act 1993 that are relevant to heritage.

