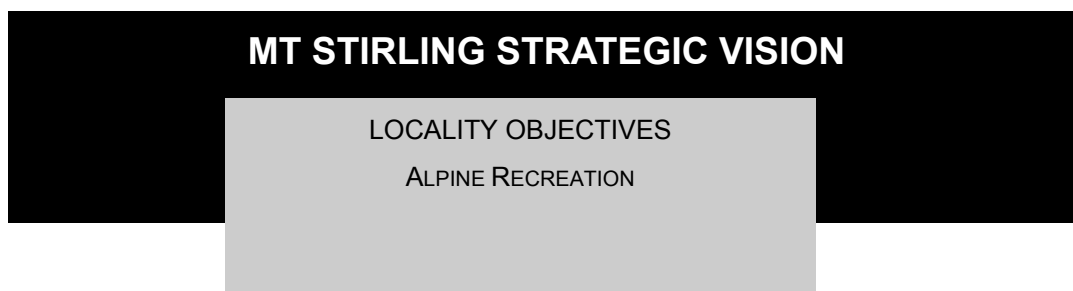


21.07 MT STIRLING LOCAL PLANNING POLICY**Introduction**

The Mt Stirling Local Planning Policy is the local content that guides and establishes direction for the Mt Stirling Alpine Resort. This policy should be considered in conjunction with the Alpine Resorts Strategic Statement and other components of the Alpine Resorts Planning Scheme, namely the State Planning Policy Framework.

The Mt Stirling Local Planning Policy identifies the assessment criteria for preferred development by outlining the objectives for areas within the resort.

This policy for Mt Stirling Alpine Resort is divided into two sections the diagram below shows the structure of the document. The first section, Mt Stirling Strategic Vision, applies to the whole of the resort. The second section, the Locality Objectives, applies the preferred type of development within the area nominated as Alpine Recreation.



In considering any development application the planning and responsible authorities must consider the Alpine Resorts Strategic Statement, the Mt Stirling Strategic Vision and the Locality Objectives.

Mt Stirling Strategic Vision

Mt Stirling is an all season nature based tourist, recreational and educational resource. Mt Stirling is not an option for downhill skiing.

Mt Stirling offers a unique nature based experience with limited options for commercial activities in accordance to the Assessment and Panel Report on the Environment Effects Statement, February 1997.

Locality Objectives - Alpine Recreation

Environment

- To foster passive recreational activities in balance with the conservation and protection of the natural environment of the resort.
- To maintain existing skifield terrain in a manner that minimises land disturbance and vegetation clearance by the introduction of appropriate management techniques.

Works

- To ensure that development including commercial activities and other facilities (apart from a small day centre at Cricket Pitch and the King Saddle interpretation centre) be restricted to the TBJ location.
- To ensure, through the introduction of appropriate management techniques, that the design and further development of the nordic trail system is carried out in such a manner that environmental effects are minimised.
- To design ski slopes in a manner that recognises the inherent land form identified through terrain analysis.
- To ensure that monitoring of environmental impacts associated with ski terrain development occurs and to encourage research into management techniques to safeguard environmental quality.

Recreational Uses

- To provide for all year round recreation, having regard to environmental, ecological, economic, aesthetic and safety considerations.
- Reinforce the notion of nordic trails that can cater for year round use for hiking and walking close to the village or for more distant trips.
- Encourage development sites to provide for a full range of all season recreational activities to encourage conferences and related markets.
- To develop the nordic trail system in such a manner that to complements, where possible, the nordic trail system in adjoining National Parks.

Heritage

- Ensure that future development considers the historical links to the resort area including major cultural and scientific significance related to Aboriginal, pioneer, mining and ski history.

Safety

- Ensure future developments include consideration and provision for medical and emergency facilities.

Management of Geotechnical Hazard

Refer to Clause 21.01 for objectives, strategies and implementation measures relating to the management of geotechnical hazards within the Resort.