

22.05-2 MT BULLER LOCAL PLANNING POLICY – ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

This policy applies to the Mt Buller Alpine Resort.

Policy Basis

There are two major causes of disturbance to any Aboriginal heritage material, which tend to occur concurrently:

- Vegetation clearance; and
- Construction of buildings and works.

Protection and preservation of pre and post-contact history within the Resort is a key influence on the future location, siting and design of development. This policy identifies areas of sensitive development and construction to ensure that development respects and preserves Aboriginal Heritage.

Mt Buller Alpine Resort is part of the traditional lands of the *Taungurong* people.

The basis for this policy was the preparation of the Mount Buller Alpine Village Heritage Management Plan (1999) by Austral Heritage Consultants for the Mount Buller Alpine Resort Management Board.

The Mount Buller Alpine Resort has been extensively developed with the construction of ski lodges, ski runs and associated urban and tourist utilities. Prior to the study undertaken there had been two small scale archaeological surveys carried out within the Village. No Aboriginal archaeological sites were recorded in either study.

The results of the study indicated that in the Village there are:

- no areas of high archaeological sensitivity;
- five areas of medium archaeological sensitivity, where there is a possibility of archaeological material in those areas;
- five areas of low archaeological sensitivity, where there is little likelihood of Aboriginal archaeological material in those areas.

Policy Objectives

To protect and preserve Aboriginal heritage and establish development assessment procedures for the consideration of Aboriginal heritage.

To minimise the disturbance to any known or unknown Aboriginal heritage.

Policies

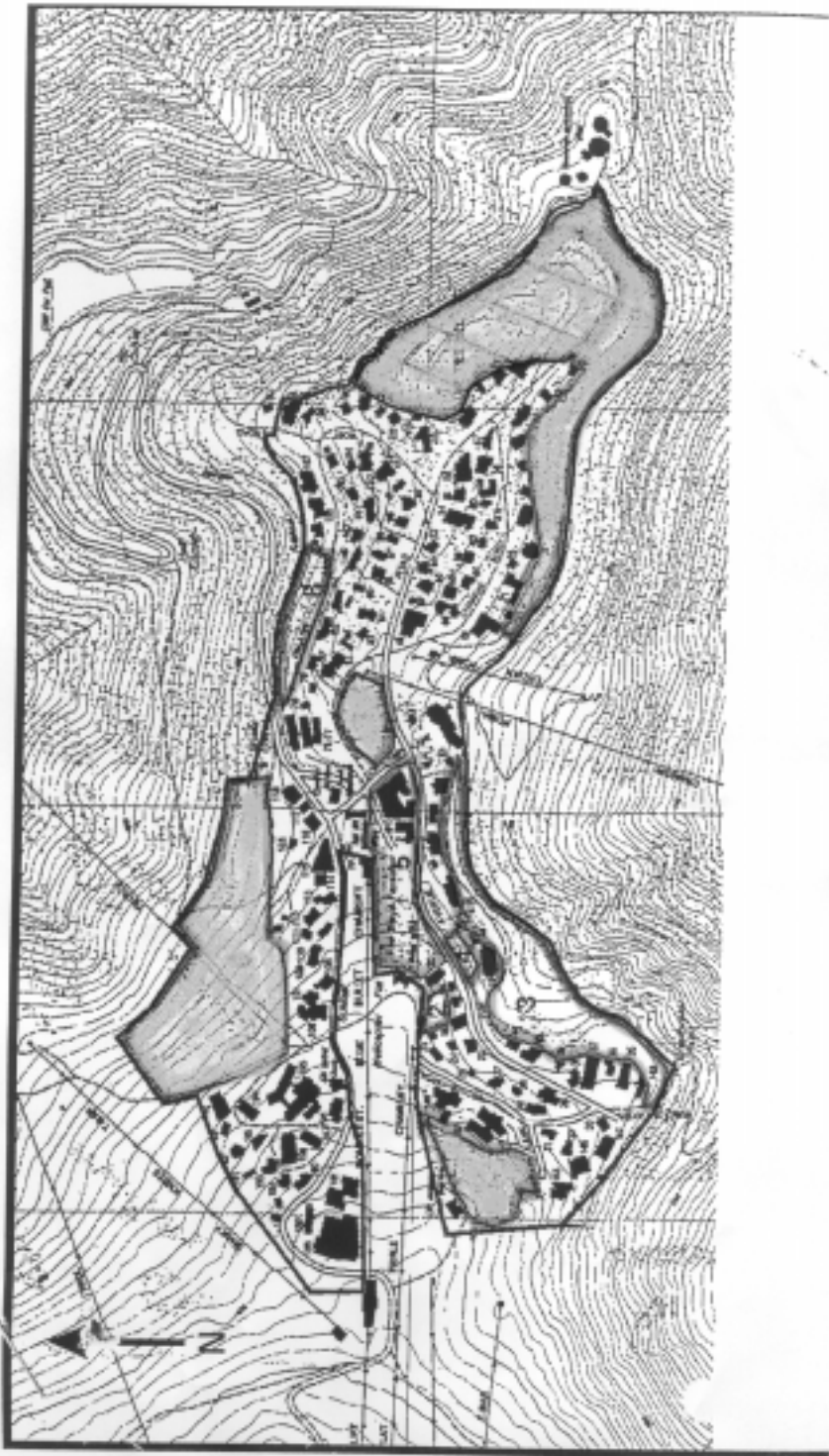
It is policy that:

An Aboriginal cultural heritage impact assessment report must be prepared for any major development in areas of medium archaeological sensitivity.

Minor development proposed in areas of low or medium archaeological significance will require no further Aboriginal archaeological survey or assessment.

Major development is defined as buildings or works involving the disturbance of an area greater than 5000 square metres.

Map 1. Mt Buller Alpine Resort Aboriginal Heritage Management Study Area.



Medium archaeological sensitivity area: 