

## Appendix E National Heritage List Assessment

## National Heritage List Impact Assessment (EPBC Act)

The Australian Alps National Parks, which includes KNP, is now listed on the National Heritage List, protected under the EPBC Act. To determine if a referral to the Minister is required, the following assessment considers the impact of the proposal against the criteria for the National Heritage of the Australian Alps.

The National Heritage criteria for a place are any or all of the following:

***(a) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's importance in the course, or pattern, of Australia's natural or cultural history***

The Australian Alps National Parks (AANP) is listed under this criterion for its glacial and periglacial features; fossils; karst areas; biological heritage; moth feasting; transhumant grazing; scientific research; water harvesting; and recreation.

The proposed development for the upgrade of the Perisher Services Precinct, which for this Stage 2 proposal includes a loop road, services upgrade, administration building, workshop, waste transfer station, snow fences and oversnow access provisions, would not conflict with any of the above heritage values of the AANP.

***(b) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of Australia's natural or cultural history***

The Australian Alps is listed under this criterion for its landscape and topography; glacial and periglacial features; fossils; alpine and sub-alpine systems; and eucalypt flora communities.

The proposed development would not conflict with any of the above heritage values. The construction of the new services precinct buildings, access arrangements and snow fences would only have a negligible impact on the overall landscape of the AANP, and is considered a small development in comparison to the adjacent ski resort area. The area to be used is already largely disturbed.

***(c) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Australia's natural or cultural history***

Not applicable

***(d) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of: (i) a class of Australia's natural or cultural places, or (ii) a class of Australia's natural or cultural environments***

The Australian Alps are listed for the North-East Kosciuszko Landscape values.

The proposal is not located in the above area of KNP and would therefore not impact on that landscape.

***(e) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by a community or cultural group***

The Australian Alps are listed under this criterion for their powerful, spectacular and distinctive landscape that is highly valued by the community. These aesthetic characteristics include the KNP main range for its mountain vistas, panoramas, snow covered crests, slopes and valleys, alpine streams and rivers and lakes.

It is not considered the proposed development would impact on any of these heritage values under this criterion.

***(f) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period***

Not Applicable

***(g) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons***

The Alps are listed under this criterion for their special association to the community of their unique landscapes and the possibility of experiencing remoteness and as the only opportunity of broad-scale snow recreation in Australia.

The scale of the proposal at Perisher would not impact on the above values, including important items such as mountain huts and outstanding landscapes that are valued by the community.

***(h) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Australia's natural or cultural history***

The place is listed under this criterion for its association with the life or works of prominent people such as Baron Ferdinand Von Mueller, Eugen Von Guerard, writers 'Banjo' Patterson, Elyne Mitchell and David Campbell.

The proposed development would not have any impact on the life or works of people with importance to the AANP.

***(i) the place has outstanding heritage value to the nation because of the place's importance as part of Indigenous tradition.***

Not Applicable

## **Conclusion of National Heritage Assessment**

This stage of the proposed development for the upgrade of the Perisher Services Precinct would not conflict with any of the above heritage values of the AANP, and therefore the risks are not considered significant.