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The State Government is the largest single owner of heritage places in Western Australia and sets the standard for observing good heritage management and conservation practice.

The purpose of this policy is to identify and assess the heritage value of government property under consideration for disposal, and to provide relevant protection where appropriate.

'Disposal' includes the sale, transfer or lease of a place outside the State Government sector (where transfer or lease is for a duration of at least 10 years), and includes the demolition of places.

This policy applies to all State Government agencies and to all statutory authorities as listed in Schedule 1 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*.

What type of places should be considered?

Places will generally need to be considered as part of this process if they:

- Are more than 60 years old
- Are already listed on an existing heritage list such as a local government inventory (Municipal Inventory)
- Display other evidence of potential significance in terms of aesthetic, historic, social or scientific value

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) can assist agencies in making a decision as to whether a notification is warranted and provide advice on the material required when notifying the Heritage Council of the proposed disposal.

### Prior notification to DPLH

The department should be notified of a proposed disposal a minimum of four months prior to the property being transferred or prior to a proposed demolition.

### Assessments – who commissions?

Assessments are normally commissioned by the agency responsible for the disposal, but may sometimes be commissioned jointly or in conjunction with DPLH.

The Heritage Council must be supplied with a copy of the assessment when it is commissioned by another body. The Heritage Council may request that the assessment be augmented or revised at the agency's cost if the assessment is insufficient to make an informed decision.

The Heritage Council is responsible for recommending which of the action 'streams' the property will be allocated to.

### Recording a place

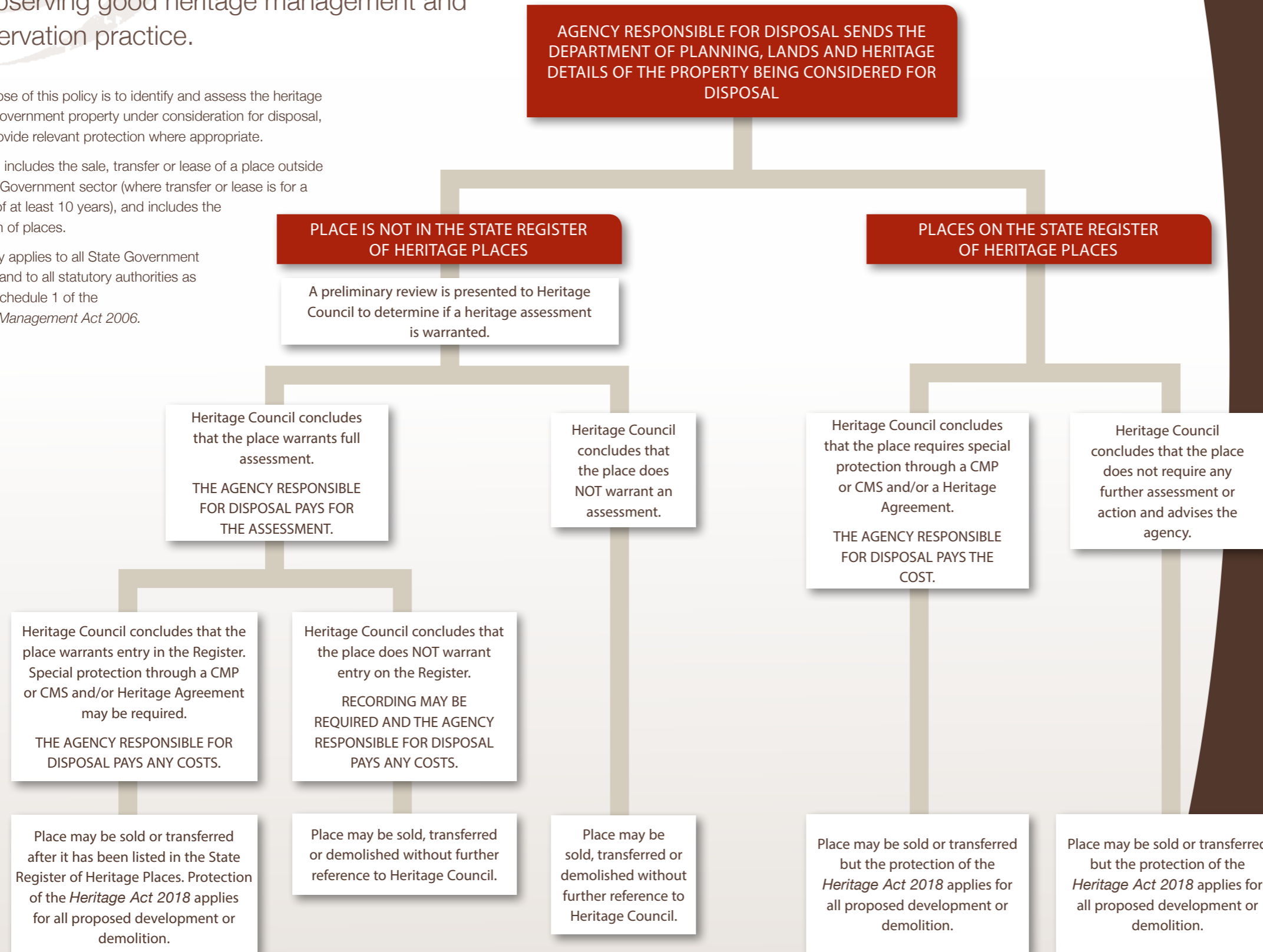
A record of a place can take a number of forms such as an archival record or interpretation. The Heritage Council will advise what type of recording is required.

### State Registered Places

If a place is included in the State Register of Heritage Places, the disposing agency needs to contact the Heritage Development branch of DPLH to ascertain whether additional protection is required (eg. a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) or Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) and/or a heritage agreement) prior to disposal.

### Local Government liaison

Demolition and redevelopment of buildings and places of local heritage significance are important local town planning issues. An agency contemplating demolition or major redevelopment affecting a heritage place is encouraged to consult with the relevant local government authority.





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