

## **12.03 ALPINE AREAS**

28/03/2018  
VC145

### **12.03-1 Framework for planning alpine resorts**

29/10/2015  
VC101

#### **Objective**

To provide a framework for the planning of the alpine resorts.

#### **Strategies**

Ensure that the sustainable long term planning and management of Victoria's six alpine resorts - Falls Creek, Lake Mountain, Mount Baw Baw, Mount Buller, Mount Hotham and Mount Stirling – is consistent with the strategic directions contained within the *Alpine Resorts Strategic Plan* (State Government of Victoria, Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council, 2012).

Develop, monitor and regularly review the Alpine Resort Environmental Management Plans and Comprehensive Development Plans for each alpine resort, recognising their unique characteristics, constraints and opportunities. In doing so, the distinct environments, infrastructure needs and capabilities to support different activities of each alpine resort and other alpine areas should be considered.

Maintain a close working relationship with Alpine Resort Management Boards recognising that ongoing implementation of approved plans and management of developments is crucial to the effective operation of the alpine resorts and protection of alpine resources.

### **12.03-2 Sustainable development in alpine areas**

04/02/2016  
VC127

#### **Objective**

To facilitate sustainable use and development of Alpine areas for year round use and activity.

#### **Strategies**

Protect and manage significant environmental features and ecosystems, taking into account the sensitive and fragile nature of the alpine environment.

Ensure that there is a mixture of uses and developments to cater for users of the alpine areas in all seasons.

Provide for the development of consolidated alpine villages, including a diverse range of employment, social and economic opportunities.

Ensure that proposals for use and development are generally in accordance with any approved Comprehensive Development Plan and comply with any approved Alpine Resort Environmental Management Plan.

Encourage best practice for low impact and environmentally sensitive management that minimise disturbance of indigenous flora and fauna and sensitive landscape in both construction and operation of all developments.

Encourage best practice in design that responds to the alpine character of the area.

Ensure heritage places are protected and conserved, including Aboriginal cultural heritage and post contact heritage places relating to including mining, logging, grazing and recreation activities.

Ensure that increases in skier, pedestrian and vehicular activity in the resorts do not compromise public safety or the accessibility and capacity of skifields, services, commercial activity and development of trailheads.

Promote development for active recreation solely at Falls Creek, Lake Mountain, Mt Buffalo, Mt Baw Baw, Mt Buller and Mt Hotham.

Promote intensive residential and commercial development at Falls Creek, Mt Baw Baw, Mt Buller and Mt Hotham.

Maintain Mt Stirling as an all season nature based tourist, recreational and educational resource.

### **Policy guidelines**

Planning must consider as relevant:

- Any relevant State Environment Protection Policy.
- *Alpine Resorts Strategic Plan* (State Government of Victoria, Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council, 2012)
- Any relevant approved Land Conservation Council or Environment Conservation Council recommendations.
- The Memorandum of Understanding in relation to the Co-operative Management of the Australian Alps National Parks, agreed to by the member states and territories of Victoria, Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales.
- Any approved management plans and guidelines endorsed by the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water.