

Attachment 3

Relevant Articles of the World Heritage Convention

Below are quoted the relevant articles of the World Heritage Convention to the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens.

Article 4

Each State Party to this Convention recognizes that the duty of ensuring the identification, protection, presentation and transmission to future generations of the cultural and natural heritage situated on its territory belongs primarily to that State. It will do all it can to this end, to the utmost of its own resources and, where appropriate, with any international assistance and co-operation, which it may be able to obtain.

Article 6

1. Whilst fully respecting the sovereignty of the States on whose territory the cultural and natural heritage is situated, the States Parties to this Convention recognize that such heritage constitutes a world heritage for whose protection it is the duty of the international community as a whole to co-operate.

3. Each State Party to the Convention undertakes not to take any deliberate measures, which might damage directly or indirectly the cultural and natural heritage situated on the territory of other States Parties to this Convention. [Obviously, the same principle applies to the State Party on whose own territory the heritage site is situated. This would be the government of Victoria]

Article 11:4

refers to 'serious and specific dangers' to the appropriate conservation of a site for which assistance of the World Heritage Committee may be requested. The dangers include those caused by 'accelerated deterioration' or 'large-scale public or private projects', and 'destruction caused by changes in the use of the land'.