

If demolition of a fence is proposed, also refer to Chapter 3 – Demolition. Refer also to the relevant Planning Scheme – including the State Planning Policy Framework, the Local Planning Policy Framework, and applicable Zones and Overlays (particularly the Heritage Overlay).

### 11.1 Objectives

To ensure fences enhance the character and appearance of the Heritage Place

To ensure the retention and Restoration of fences where appropriate

To encourage the Reconstruction of original front fences where appropriate

### 11.2 Rationale

Fences visible from public places often contribute to the significance of the Heritage Place.

The dimensions, siting, and appearance of fencing affect the context of a Heritage Place.

Historically, domestic front fences were generally of a height and style that permitted a view into and out of the property, while side and back fences tended to be more solid to ensure privacy. Retaining established patterns assists in providing an appropriate setting.

### 11.3 Matters for Consideration

In assessing works to existing fences or proposals for new fences, consideration should be given to whether:

- **it is possible to retain and conserve any significant fences and gates, and to repair them where necessary;**
- **there is sufficient evidence of the original fence Form;**
- **the proposed fence is consistent with the dimensions and siting of Contributory Elements within the Heritage Overlay;**
- **the proposed fence complements the style and construction of the building;**

- **the proposed fence would obscure a view of the Contributory Element from a street or other public space; and**
- **a fence was a feature of the original design of the Heritage Place.**

### 11.4 Development Guidelines

The following guidelines and examples are intended to assist when construction, demolition or removal of a fence is being considered. Use the Statement of Significance to inform decisions.

**It is acknowledged that there may be other ways to achieve the objectives.** Where alternative methods are proposed, the planning permit application should be accompanied by a written explanation that shows how the objectives will be achieved.

#### 11.4.1 Fencing Patterns

Where the original fence is unknown and cannot be established through investigation, the original common pattern of fences for the style of dwelling should be identified and adopted for new work where visible from the public realm.

Common patterns of fence height, position, materials, and level of transparency should be retained in residential settings.

High front walls should be avoided in urban areas. Where noise attenuation or privacy in the front yard is an issue, alternatives such as secondary double-glazing of the windows to combat noise or vegetation to improve privacy should be considered.

#### 11.4.2 Reinstatement of Original Design

Where possible, the original front fence design should be reinstated.



### 11.4.3 Conjectural Original Form

A fence that replicates a fence style common to the period and style of the building to which it relates may be appropriate. Appropriate surviving original fences within the HO should be used as a style type.

### 11.4.4 Gates and Fences on Lanes

Similar fencing to the character of fences within the Heritage Place should be adopted.

Where service streets such as lanes have a distinctive character which contributes to the Heritage Place, modern garage doors may not be compatible.

### 11.4.5 Fences on Side Boundaries

Where visible from the front street, fences on side boundaries should usually adopt a similar scale to that for the front fence. On corner allotments, side boundary fences should usually reflect rear boundary fence types.

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