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# Local Planning Policy 4.9 Station Precinct Guidelines

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# Background

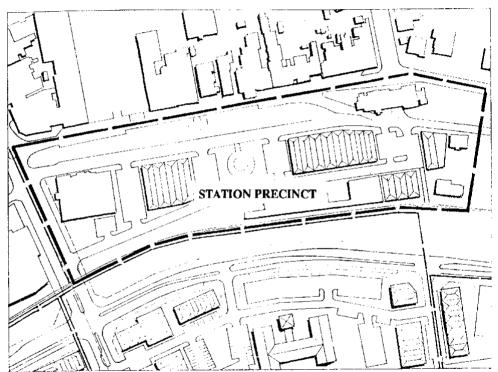
Development with this precinct must achieve the following urban design goals:

- It must be strongly integrated with the Town proper,
- It must develop its own unique character with its own sense of place,
- It must facilitate strong connection with the future developments on the foreshore and function as a catalyst to movement between the Town and the foreshore.

It is a precinct with strict controls, in which the treatment of the facades is crucial to the character of the precinct, the type and scale of the roofs will be highly visible from Stirling Terrace and the pattern, scale and character of the development will greatly influence the appreciation of the foreshore development.

# Scope

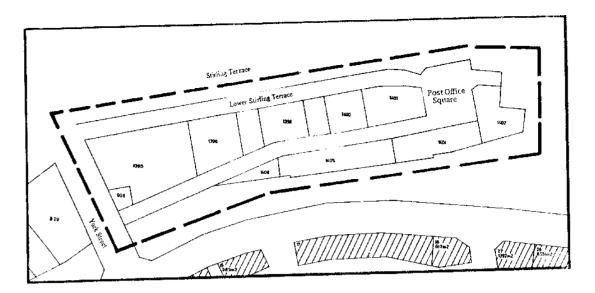
1. This policy applies to the area depicted in the below image.



# **Policy Criteria**

# **Subdivision**

2. The size and location of development sites is defined by the subdivisional plan below. Development sites may be amalgamated and subdivided following planning approval of an appropriate development proposal, which satisfies the development objectives, development guidelines and illustrated concept design.



# Land Tenure

- 3. The development sites defined shall be issued for:
  - Freehold Purchase and/or
  - Leasehold

at the discretion of the relevant authorities and under such conditions as they deem to be appropriate, which shall be in accordance with these guidelines, but not exclusively so.

4. Any tenancy agreements pertaining to the defined development sites shall have specific performance requirements based on the guidelines.

#### Site Definition

5. Development sites are shown hatched an communal car parking sites are shown stippled. Site boundaries may be redefined to meet the objectives of the guidelines, providing design proposals have been approved by the Development & Infrastructure Services Committee.

#### Zonings/Land Uses

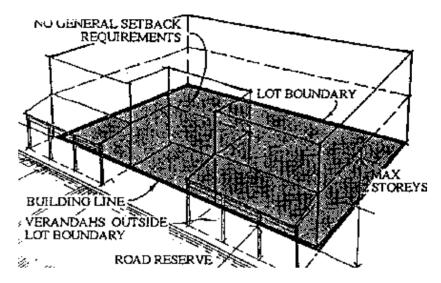
- 6. The preferred uses are to be of a tourist orientation and by the nature of their operation be supportive of the tourism theme and/or the development of cultural facilities within the precinct.
- 7. Free standing fast food outlets that are not integrated with adjacent shops are unlikely to be approved, unless designed in a manner beneficial to the overall development of the precinct.

#### Plot Ratios

8. A maximum plot ration of 1.5 may be permitted, with a maximum of 2 storey height limit and 100% site cover, providing this is compatible with development in the vicinity. 3 storey development will be permitted on site 1402.

#### Setbacks

9. There are not setback requirements from any boundary. Any setbacks will need to be justified in accordance with other provisions of these guidelines. Verandah and awnings shall be constructed within the abutting public road and other reserves.



#### Landscaping

10. This shall be provided within hospitality courtyard spaces or to make the street presentation of service yards more attractive.

#### **Streetscape**

11. The streetscape characteristics for the rest of Upper Stirling Terrace should be emulated within this Precinct.

For development this means:

- Facades constructed at the building line.
- Facades as continuous as possible.
- Footpaths sheltered by awnings or verandas.
- Facades should be 1 or 2 stories in height

#### **Fronts**

12. All developments must present "fronts" to each street, i.e. Lower Stirling Terrace, Post Office Square and the Parade in front of the Station Communal car parks should be considered as street frontages for this purpose.

#### Setbacks

13. Generally are not encouraged, except where hospitable courtyards can be formed and to the frontage of the Railway Station.

#### Service Yards

14. Should be internalised to avoid visual impact on streetscapes.

#### Street Furnishings

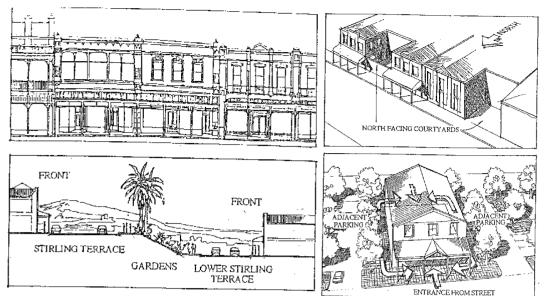
15. The type, nature and character of street furnishings and landscaping are illustrated in the accompanying landscape concept.

## Streets, Car Parks, etc.

- 16. All elements within the public domain shall be undertaken by the relevant development agencies.
- 17. This will ensure a consistent character and standard of implementation. The standard of these works shall indicate the development standards expected of private developers.

#### Pedestrian Access

18. All developments shall have direct pedestrian access through street frontages.



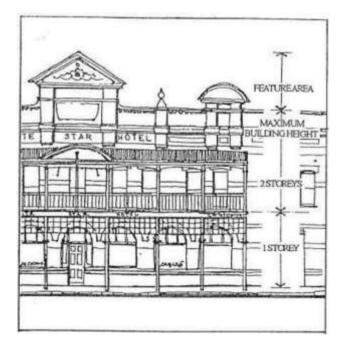
# **BUILDING DETAILS**

Exemplars

19. The buildings of Upper Stirling Terrace provide the model for the following building details, in their scale and proportions.

**Building Heights** 

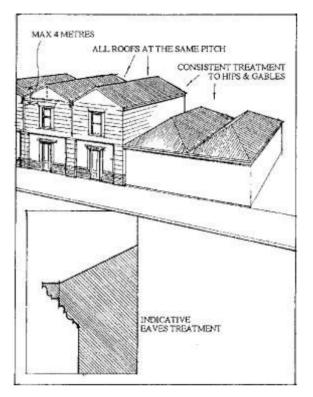
- 20. All buildings shall be 1 or 2 stories in height 4.5-8m façade heights.
- 21. Features, such as towers, may be permitted to exceed 2 stories in height.



#### <u>Roofs</u>

- 22. All roofs shall be pitched. Roof pitches are to within the range 26.5 degrees (1:2) to 45 degrees (1:1).
- 23. From eave to ridge roof heights shall not exceed 4m.0
- 24. Generally roof ridges shall run normal to Stirling Terrace.

- 25. Roofs shall be gabled or hipped ends, unless parapeted.
- 26. Generally eaves shall be finished flush with walls, unless forming a verandah.



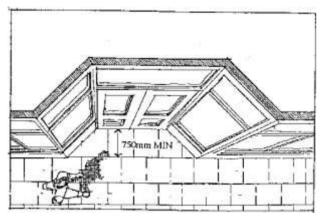
# Walls

- 27. Generally walls shall be of masonry or timber construction with holes for windows and doors.
- 28. Walls should be articulated into a base, middle and capping as per the Stirling Terrace exemplars.
- 29. Walls should be articulate into bays not exceeding 6m in length.
- 30. Exceptions to this shall be retail frontages under verandas or awnings, where the proportion of void to solid may increase as per the exemplars.



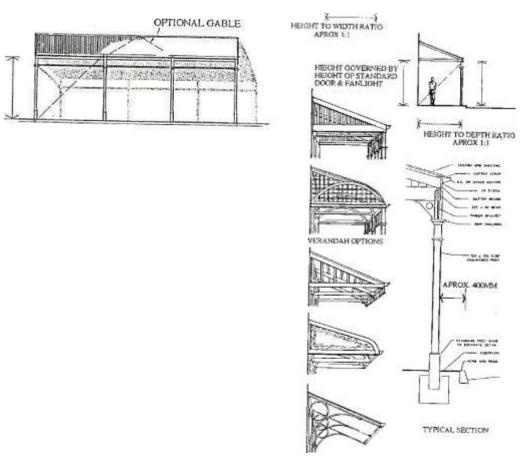
# **Openings**

- 31. Apart from retail frontages door and window openings shall be inset from the façade by, at least 125mm. Openings should be articulated to set up façade rhythms as per the exemplars.
- 32. Door openings shall be indented from the facade by, at least, 750mm.
- 33. Retail frontages shall consist of:
  - Tiled recessed entry.
  - Thin timber or bronze shop fittings.
  - Timber or tiles stall boards.
  - Plate glass glazing.
  - Timber part-glazed doors.



Verandah and Awnings

34. These shall comply with the dimensions shown below.



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- 35. As far as possible there shall be continuity of shelter for pedestrian movement provided by verandas and awnings.
- 36. Traditional structures and roofing materials shall be used.

# **Materials**

37. The range of materials, traditionally used, and the relative extent of their use, are as follows:

- Brickwork, equivalent to dark blend Albany bricks or light blend Albany bricks.
- Painted render using Classical Revival proportioning and details.
- Painted timber boarding, joinery and verandah.
- Glazing generally clear glass to windows, clear etched or patterned to door lights.
- Painted signs with external illumination only, when provided.
- Roofs in iron or shingle

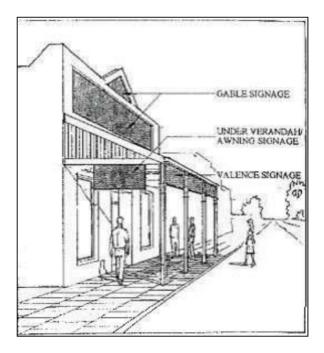
# <u>Colours</u>

38. The traditional palette of colours used in this part of Albany is as follows:

- 1) Walls: Various ochre shades, cream, off-white, light pink, grey/blue.
- 2) Highlights: Black, dark brown, chocolate brown, dark green, rust.
- 3) Joinery: Dark Green, black, white, beige, turquoise, various browns.
- 4) Tiling: Dark green, mid-brown, white, coloured frieze tiles. Verandah Dark green, mid to dark brown, white.
- 5) Roofs: Grey shingles or iron. Where visible this should be painted in dark green, dark red and/or cream.

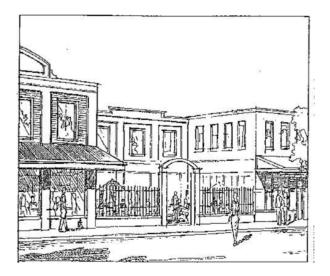
# Building signage

- 39. Exterior identification signage only shall be permitted. It shall consist of painted signs with any illuminations being external to the sign. Signage shall be integral with the construction of the building.
- 40. Exterior signage shall be confined to traditional locations:
  - Flush parapet signs.
  - Projected hung signs from the upper facade valance signs.
  - Under verandah/awning signs.
- 41. Livery colour schemes shall not be permitted unless they conform with the preferred colour palette and are approval by the City of Albany.
- 42. Window signage may be permitted.
- 43. Permanent signage should be painted, stained or etched.
- 44. Advertising signage should be confined to internal display.
- 45. Sandwich boards and other forms of portable signage must comply with Council policy



# **Courtyards**

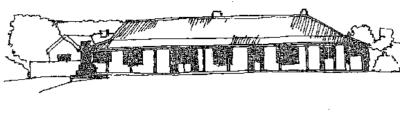
- 46. If courtyards are to be provided these should be on the north side of developments where hospitable climatic conditions can be assured.
- 47. Congeniality of scale and character must also be provided in courtyard spaces.



# **BUILDING DETAILS**

# Respectful Development

48. New buildings shall not ape or replicate heritage buildings. They shall, as far as possible, be contemporary buildings which utilise building vocabularies drawn from their immediate context, particularly heritage elements. These vocabularies shall include building types and configurations, orientation; heights; scale; roof forms; pitches and materials; wall materials, massing fenestration; opening details, eaves, awnings, verandah, hoods, screens, chimneys; roof ornamentation, other ornamentation; building rhythms; colours, textures and qualities of materials and finishes, including signage.



#### RESIDENCY MUSEUM

49. Design proposals shall be accompanied by detailed appraisal of the immediate context of all development proposals.

#### Vehicular Servicing

- 50. Off street servicing shall be walled from public view and shall, preferably, not occupy street frontage.
- 51. Vehicular crossing points shall be readily visible with adequate sightlines for pedestrian and vehicular safety.

#### Aerials, Collectors, etc.

52. Structure and appurtenances such as radio and TV aerials, antennas, masts, dishes, solar collectors, air conditioners, plant and equipment etc. which are normally roof mounted shall be concealed from view. The only exceptions which may be granted are to be proposals which can satisfactorily demonstrate that these appurtenances are an integral part of the design and contribute to the character and interest of the development.

#### Colour Schemes

53. Recommended colours for new buildings are provided in Appendix 2. Contemporary colour palettes or traditional palettes, compatible with the heritage buildings in the precinct will be considered, however approvals must be obtained from the City of Albany or the Heritage Council, as applicable.

#### **DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

54. These shall be determined in accordance with the heritage requirements of the precinct.

#### Zonings/Land Uses

55. These are not applicable in this precinct as the heritage requirements and the museum uses are not bound by the Local Planning Scheme. Ancillary uses and site planning factors impinging on surrounding roads and precincts shall need planning approvals.

#### Setbacks

56. There are not setback requirements from any boundary.

#### Landscaping

57. This shall be provided within hospitable courtyard spaces or to make the street presentation of service yards more attractive.

## STREETSCAPE FACTORS

#### <u>Streetscape</u>

58. The integrity of the setting of heritage elements must be safeguarded ahead of other streetscape considerations.

Service Yards

59. Should be internalised to avoid visual impact on streetscapes.

#### Street Furnishings

60. The type, nature and character of street furnishings and landscaping are illustrated in the accompanying landscape concept.

Streets, Car Parks, etc

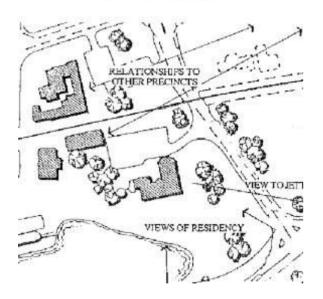
- 61. All elements within the public domain shall be undertaken by the relevant development agencies.
- 62. The standard of these works shall indicate the development standards expected of private developers.

#### Pedestrian Access

63. All developments shall have direct pedestrian access through street frontages.

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SETTING OF RESIDENCY



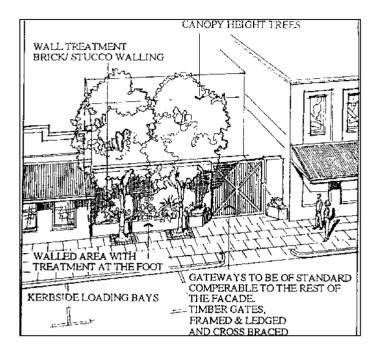
#### Vehicular Servicing

- 64. On street servicing shall be from designated kerb side loading bays only.
- 65. Off street servicing shall be walled from public view and shall, preferably, not occupy street frontage.
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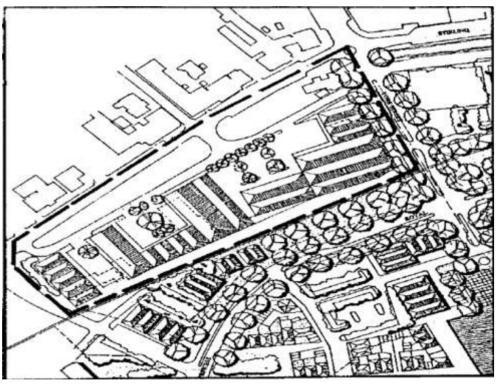
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# WESTERN PRECINCT GUIDELINES



# **Introduction**

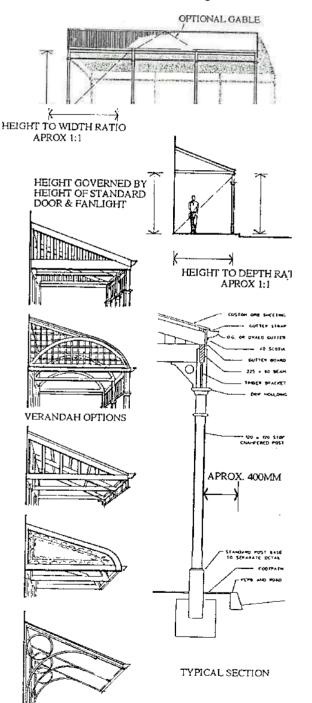
68. Redevelopment within this precinct must achieve three urban design goals:

- It must physically complement the Station Precinct and reinforce its relationship with the City of Albany (Town proper);
- It must provide a transition between the Town proper and the Major Lockyer Park Precinct;

- It must encourage movement and activity between the Major Lockyer Park Precinct, the Town proper and the Station Precinct.
- 69. It is a precinct with strict controls as it occupies as prominent a position as the Station Precinct. In this precinct the treatment of the facades is crucial to its character and must provide a transition to the historically important Major Lockyer Park Precinct. Its scale must mediate between the larger scale required of development at the foot of York Street and the more modest scale and considered patterning and detailed of the historic Major Lockyer Park Precinct.

# Verandas and Awnings

- 70. These shall comply with the dimensions shown below.
- 71. As far as possible there shall be continuity of shelter for pedestrian movement provided by verandas and awnings.
- 72. Traditional structures and roofing materials shall be used.



# **Materials**

73. The range of materials, traditionally used, and the relative extent of their use, are as follows:

- Brickwork, equivalent to dark blend Albany bricks or light blend Albany bricks.
- Painted render using Classical Revival proportioning and details.
- Painted timber boarding, joinery and verandah glazing generally clear glass to windows, clear etched or patterned to door lights.
- Painted signs with external illumination only, when provided.
- Roofs in iron or shingle.

## <u>Colours</u>

74. The traditional palette of colours used in this part of Albany is as follows:

- 1) Walls: Various ochre shades, cream, off-white, light pink, grey/blue.
- 2) Highlights: Black, dark brown, chocolate brown, dark green, rust.
- 3) Joinery: Dark Green, black, white, beige, turquoise, various browns.
- 4) Tiling: Dark green, mid-brown, white, coloured frieze tiles. Verandah Dark green, mid to dark brown, white.
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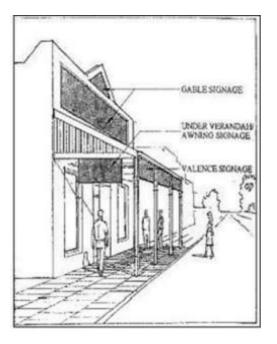
#### Colour Schemes

75. Recommended colours are provided in Appendix 2.

76. Contemporary colour palettes will be considered, however approvals must be obtained from the City of Albany.

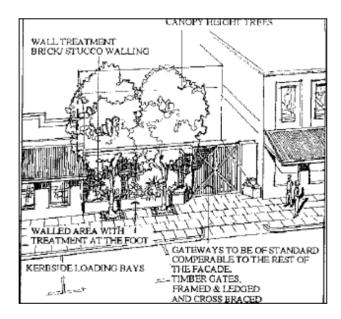
# Building Signage

- 77. Exterior identification signage only shall be permitted. It shall consist of painted signs with any illuminations being external to the sign. Signage shall be integral with the construction of the building.
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- 79. Livery colour schemes shall not be permitted unless they conform with the preferred colour palette and are approval by the City of Albany.
- 80. Window signage may be permitted. Permanent signage should be painted, stained or etched.
- 81. Advertising signage should be confined to internal display.
- 82. Sandwich boards and other forms of portable signage must comply with Council policy.



# Vehicular Servicing

- 83. On street servicing shall be from designated kerb side loading bays only.
- 84. Off street servicing shall be walled from public view and shall, preferably, not occupy street frontage.
- 85. Vehicular crossing points shall be readily visible with adequate sightlines for pedestrian and vehicular safety.



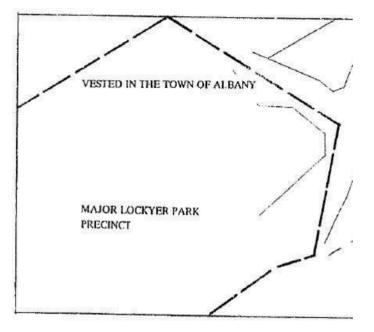
#### Aerials, Collectors, etc.

86. Structure and appurtenances such as radio and TV aerials, antennas, masts, dishes, solar collectors, air conditioners, plant and equipment etc. which are normally roof mounted shall be concealed from view.

87. The only exceptions which may be granted are to be proposals which can satisfactorily demonstrate that these appurtenances are an integral part of the design and contribute to the character and interest of the development.

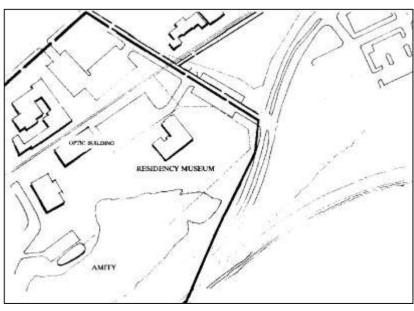
**Development Sites** 

- 88. The size and location of development sites shall be determined in a master plan to meet the expanding needs of this precinct and to ensure the integrity of all heritage elements.
- 89. Development sites will be determined in accordance with the master plan and all development proposals perused by the Development Infrastructure & Services Committee, to ensure satisfaction of the development objectives, development guidelines and illustrated concept design.



Land Tenure

90. The development sites defined shall be given the appropriate form of landtenure, which safeguards specific performance requirements based on the guidelines.



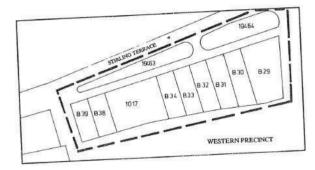
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- 91. Development within this historically important precinct must achieve the following urban design goals:
  - The historical integrity and setting of this precinct and its heritage elements must be safeguarded.
  - The visual relationships between this precinct and other parts of the town and foreshore must be retained.
  - It is a major destination point for visitors to Albany and the foreshore and it must be attractively linked and highly accessible to the other foreshore precincts.
- 92. It is a precinct with strict controls because of the assessed heritage value of the precinct and its major elements. It is also a precinct which has established the identity of Albany in the minds of visitors. Development must reinforce the heritage value of the precinct and strengthen the precinct's role. Development should not emulate heritage places, but respect them in the manner of the Optic Building.

# DEVELOPMENTS SITES

# **Subdivision**

- 93. The size and location of development sites is defined by the existing subdivisions.
- 94. Development sites may be amalgamated and subdivided following planning approval of an appropriate development proposal, which satisfies the development objectives, development guidelines and illustrated concept design.



#### Site definition

95. Development sites would benefit by communal car parking, which would need to be developed by the building owners in co- operation. Site boundaries may be redefined to meet the objectives of the guidelines, providing design proposals have been approved by the Development Infrastructure & Services Committee.

## **Development Standards**

96. All of the following standards shall be in accordance with the City of Albany, Town Planning Scheme – Central Area Zone, unless otherwise noted.

# Zonings/Land Uses

- 97. Various uses are permitted under the central area zone within the current City of Albany Local Planning Scheme. The preferred uses are to be of a tourist orientation and by the nature of their operation be supportive of the tourism theme and/or the development of public facilities within the precinct.
- 98. Free standing fast food outlets that are not integrated with adjacent shops are unlikely to be approved, unless designed in a manner beneficial to the overall development of

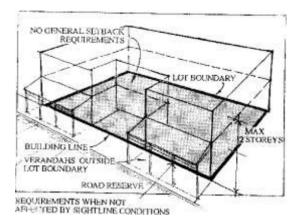
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#### Plot Ratios

99. A maximum plot ration of 1.5 may be permitted, with a maximum of 2 storey height limit and 100% site cover, providing this is compatible with development in the vicinity.

# Setbacks

100. There are not setback requirements from any boundary. Any setbacks will need to be justified in accordance with other provisions of these guidelines.



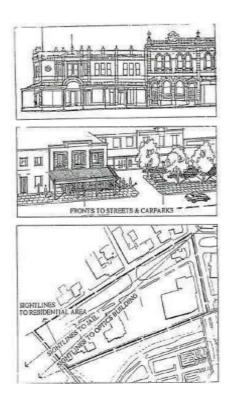
# Landscaping

101. This shall provide an extension of the street landscaping themes or make the street presentation of service yards more attractive.

#### Streetscape Factors

## Streetscape

- 102. Appropriate streetscape characteristics of Upper Stirling Terrace should be emulated within this Precinct. For development this means:
  - Facades constructed to maintain views from York Street to Major Lockyer Park Precinct.
  - Pedestrian routes sheltered by awnings or verandas.
  - Facades should be 1 or 2 storeys in height.



# **Fronts**

103. All developments must present "fronts" to Stirling Terrace, York Street and Residency Drive. Railway frontage must be attractively presented.

## Setbacks

104. These are related to sightlines between important places.

Service Yards

105. Should be internalised to avoid visual impact on streetscapes.

## Street Furnishings

106. The type, nature and character of street furnishings and landscaping are illustrated in the accompanying landscape concept.

# Streets, Car Parks etc.

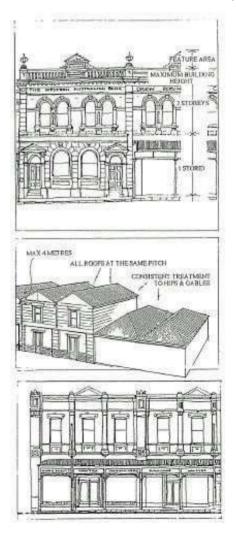
107. All elements within the public domain shall be undertaken by the relevant development authority.

# **BUILDING DETAILS**

#### Building heights

108. All buildings shall be 1 or 2 storeys in height 4.5-8m facade heights.

109. Features, such as towers, may be permitted to exceed 2 storeys in height.



## Walls

- 110. Generally walls shall be of masonry or timber construction with holes for windows and doors.
- 111. Walls should be articulated into a base, middle and capping.
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# Roofs

114. All roofs shall be pitched. Roof pitches are to within the range 26.5-45. From eave to ridge roof heights shall not exceed 4m. Roofs shall be gabled or hipped ends, unless parapeted. Generally eaves shall be finished flush with walls, unless forming a verandah.

# **Openings**

- 115. Apart from retail frontages door and window openings shall be inset from the façade by, at least 125mm. Openings should be articulated to set upfaçade rhythms.
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- 117. Retail frontages shall consist of:
  - Tiled recessed entry.
  - Thin timber or bronze shop fittings.
  - Timber or tiles stall boards.
  - Plate glass glazing.
  - Timber part-glazed doors.

# Legislative and Strategic Context

The policy operates within the following framework of legislation.

- Planning and Development Act 2005
- Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015
- City of Albany Local Planning Scheme No.2.

# Review

118. This policy was adopted on 23 July 2024. This policy should be reviewed every two years, or earlier if required.