

Approved Form under section 97 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*

Interim Protection Declaration for the purposes of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*

SECTION 1 – Identification of Aboriginal place or object

I *[insert name]*, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, pursuant to section 103(1) of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* ('the Act') am satisfied that:

[Provide a clear written description of the Aboriginal place or object the subject of the declaration including the property address, title volume and title folio numbers and GDA co-ordinates (if known). If this declaration relates to an Aboriginal place, attach a map showing the location of the Aboriginal place and any features that will enable it to be identified].

- is an Aboriginal *[place or object]*; and
- it is appropriate having regard to the importance of maintaining the relationship between Aboriginal people and the *[place or object]*, that an interim protection declaration be made in relation to this Aboriginal *[place or object]*.

This Aboriginal place or object *[is/is not]* currently recorded on the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register¹.

SECTION 2 – Protective measures to be taken

The following measures are required to be taken to protect the Aboriginal place or object the subject of this declaration * *[specify the measures to be taken for protection of the place or object]*.

The person specifically responsible for taking the protection measures specified above is *[insert name]*.²

SECTION 3 – Time period of interim protection declaration

This interim protection declaration commences on the date of issue specified below and will expire:

- 3 months after the date of issue, being / / or³,
- on / /

*Note: Time period of the declaration must be 3 months or less, not more, unless it is extended by me before the expiry date.***

Signed: _____

[Minister]

Date of issue: / /

* *It is an indictable offence under section 102 of the Act to do an act or fail to do an act that contravenes this interim protection declaration, where the person knew of the existence of this declaration, or was reckless as to its existence, unless the conduct was necessary because of an emergency.*

** *Before an interim protection declaration ends, the Minister may extend it once for a further period of up to 3 months on the Minister's own initiative or at the request of the Aboriginal Heritage Council or a registered Aboriginal party for the area to which the Aboriginal place or object the subject of this declaration relates.*

¹ If registered, provide Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register number/s.

² Delete if not applicable

³ Delete whichever is not applicable