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AICCM DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS

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NEW GUIDELINE

Natural Environment. The AICCM Member shall recognise the potential for conservation activities to cause environmental damage. Accordingly, without endangering the welfare of cultural property, she/he should endeavour to undertake conservation treatments, or use materials, which have the lowest potential to pollute; unnecessarily waste resources; or otherwise damage the natural environment.

4. APPROACH.

EXISTING GUIDELINE

The AICCM Member should devote an equal amount of care to cultural material regardless of the financial value, rarity or significance of the cultural material.

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT

It is recognised that the significance of cultural material may have a bearing on conservation decisions. Accordingly, without breaching the provisions of the *AICCM Code of Ethics* or *Code of Practice*, the AICCM Member shall ensure that cultural material in her/his care receives levels of conservation appropriate to its significance and available resources.

5. CULTURAL ISSUES.

EXISTING GUIDELINE

The AICCM Member should respect the cultural and spiritual significance of cultural material and should where possible consult with all relevant stake-holders before making treatment or other decisions relating to such cultural material.

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT

The AICCM member should be informed and respectful of the cultural and spiritual significance of cultural material and should, where possible, consult with all relevant stakeholders before making treatment or other decisions relating to such cultural material.

The AICCM member should recognise the unique status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as first peoples, and as key stakeholders in the conservation of their cultural heritage material. When undertaking conservation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander cultural property, the AICCM member should recognise that the objects and the information relevant to them are of equal importance, and that conservation practice must adapt to cultural requirements, particularly in respect of secret/sacred items.

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