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The UDP should give more explicit emphasis to **cultural diversity** in the context of the Design Principles for Places and People – as well as in the Toolkit guidance relating to place making and planning - were appropriate planning processes will need to:

- recognise that cultural diversity is an integral part of the daily life of Australia’s capital cities, and champion cultural diversity within the context of an inclusive society;
- include a multicultural vision for regional and local areas;
- have place-based and people-based policy packages appropriate to the needs of specific localities – rather than a one-size-fits – all approach;
- the inclusion into toolkits of approaches that will promote the unique cultural diversity of places through creative and culturally sensitive planning through opportunities to engage precinct-based land use planning and urban design principles which support local culture.
- incorporate cultural diversity values and alternative patterns of economic activity and social life into local development plans, planning codes, legislation, heritage studies and urban design;
- acknowledge and accommodate cultural diversity in planning, consultative and participatory processes;
- promote the development of cross-cultural skills on the part of planners and designers working with community consultation techniques;
- promote the concept of authentic place-making and distinctiveness;
- provide better and more focused leadership in relation to cultural planning, facilities and events;
- include strategic and financially supportive partnerships between local and state government to undertake place – based cultural and urban regeneration projects

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