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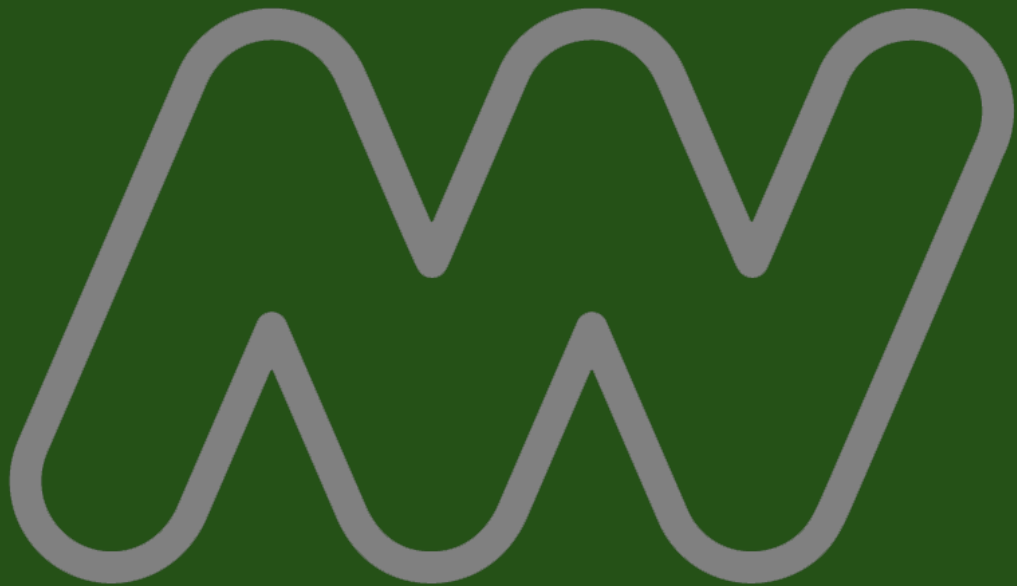
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As the state's museum, Museum Victoria is responsible for more than 16 million individual items. These objects are organised within three priceless collections - Sciences, Indigenous Cultures, History and Technology. Museum Victoria operates the **Melbourne Museum** in Carlton Gardens, **Scienceworks** and **Melbourne Planetarium** in Spotswood, and the **Immigration Museum** in Melbourne's Old Customs House in Flinders Street. They are also custodians for the heritage listed **Royal Exhibition Building**.

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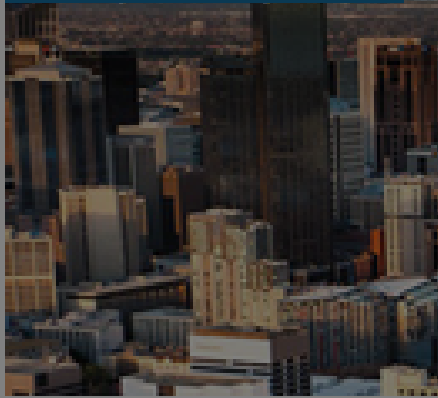
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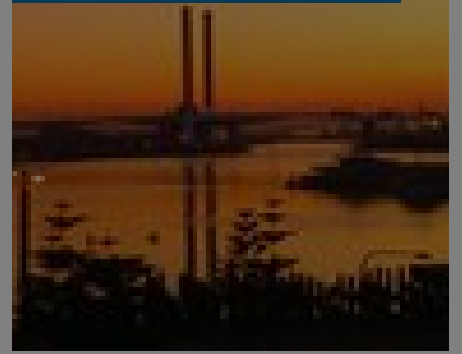
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