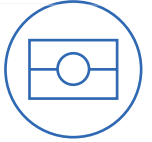


Aboriginal Heritage Fact Sheet



In September 2022 a modification application was submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) for the Liverpool Range Wind Farm (Mod-1 Project). In response to submissions received during the public exhibition period we have made a number of changes to the Project. These changes are reflected in the Response to Submissions (RTS) Report and the Amendment Report. The reports will be assessed by DPE who will then make a determination on the application. These reports contain information about how the RTS Project is different from the Approved Project, and how these changes to the Project would affect the environment and how this can be managed.

This factsheet sets out the findings of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) associated with the RTS Project. It explains what we have done, what we are proposing to do, and how we will work with Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) to manage impacts to cultural heritage. The impacts presented are a worst-case scenario. With the measures proposed, the RTS Project's impacts should continue to be reduced or mitigated.

What have we found and how does it compare to the Approved Project?

The results of surveys completed for the RTS Project are broadly consistent with the archaeological values assessed as part of the Approved Project. As such, potential impacts of the RTS Project on Aboriginal Heritage are generally consistent with the Approved Project, noting the ongoing focus on avoiding impacts wherever practicable.

New sites identified as relevant to the RTS Project are:

- two artefact scatters
- one isolated artefact
- three scarred trees.

Another seventeen areas of low-moderate or moderate archaeological potential were identified. These are areas where it is considered likely that additional artefacts may be present below the ground surface.

Of note, additional minor surveys are currently being undertaken for the RTS Project. The full results of all surveys will be in the ACHA Addendum attached to the RTS Report.



If you would like to read more about Aboriginal Heritage, see the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Addendum attached to the Response to Submissions Report.

Photo right: Scar tree recorded at the Project site.

Over page: Artefact (broken flake of grey silcrete) recorded at the Project site.

What are the proposed mitigation strategies?

The ACHA and the ACHA Addendum for the RTS Project identify Aboriginal heritage items and places that should be avoided. It also identifies where impacts can be minimised or salvage and excavation works are required.

The ACHA (and Addendum) set out requirements to undertake collection of surface artefacts, inspections of areas of archaeological potential during certain ground disturbing construction works and to undertake sub-surface test excavations prior to construction works occurring in certain areas. Representatives from the RAPs will be provided with the opportunity to participate in these works.

Examples of how we have changed the Project to avoid Aboriginal Heritage sites to date include:

- The transmission line was shifted to avoid the land parcel where the Hands on Rock cultural heritage site is located. There is limited opportunity to shift the transmission line further away from the car park entrance to Hands on Rock, due to existing landholder preferences.
- By moving or removing infrastructure from the scope of the Mod-1 Project, the RTS Project avoids impacts on a scattered artefact and an area of cultural significance.

Prior to the commencement of construction, a Heritage Management Plan will be prepared in accordance with the Development Consent and will outline suitable measures to manage the impacts of the development on both recorded and unexpected finds of Aboriginal cultural heritage. All reasonable efforts will be made to avoid impacts to cultural heritage. The plan will also include a process for managing unexpected finds of cultural heritage during construction.

Next steps:

We are aiming to lodge the Response to Submissions (RTS) report, Amendment Report, and all updated environmental impact assessments with DPE in June 2023. These reports will detail the consultation completed to-date, how submissions received during public exhibition have been addressed, and will clearly show the changes to the design and layout of the Project. DPE will review the documentation and make a determination on the modification application.

We are also seeking Commonwealth approval under a separate approvals process under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. The project will be assessed by way of Public Environment Report (PER) which will be subject to a public exhibition process managed by the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW). Further details on the timing of this will be provided via our website and newsletters.



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Modification Application:

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EPBC Approval:

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