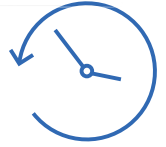


Historic Heritage Fact Sheet



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 would affect the environment and how they can be managed.

This factsheet sets out the findings of the Project's Historic Heritage assessment.

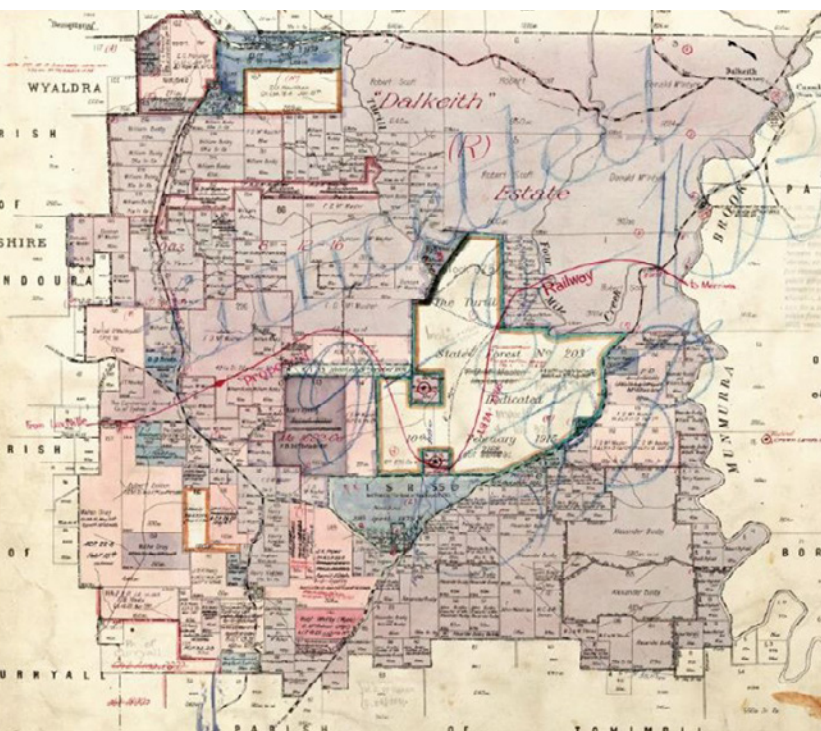
It also shows what we are proposing to do if we find items of historic heritage significance during construction.

The impacts presented are a worst-case scenario. With the measures proposed, the RTS Project's impacts should be reduced or mitigated.

What did we find and how does it compare to the Approved Project?

The RTS Project would have no direct impacts on historic heritage. This is consistent with the Approved Project. The key findings of the Historic Heritage assessment are as follows:

- No Commonwealth or Nationally listed heritage items or places are located within the Assessment Area
- No State listed heritage items are located within the Assessment Area
- No items listed on any s170 Heritage and Conservation Registers (NSW State agency heritage registers) are located within the Assessment Area
- Two locally listed heritage items, being the 'Yarrowonga' and 'Dalkeith' estates are listed as items of local heritage significance in the Upper Hunter Shire LEP 2013 and are partially intersected by the RTS Transmission Line corridor.
- Four potential heritage items (PHIs) were identified
- No direct impacts to listed or potential historic heritage items are expected. Indirect impacts are generally considered to be negligible or minor.



If you would like to read more about Historic Heritage, see the Historic Heritage Assessment attached to the Mod-1 Application.

Several relevant locally listed and potential heritage items were identified and are presented in the table below.

Heritage Item	Location	Potential Impact
‘Dalkeith’ estate (ID#: I141 Upper Hunter LEP)	Approximately 1 km northwest of the Golden Highway and 2 km west of the Thompson Road / Golden Highway Junction.	Minor to negligible. Overall, the proposed turbines, permanent met mast and associated access route will not have an adverse impact on the heritage significance of ‘Dalkeith’.
‘Yarrowonga’ estate (ID#: I140, Upper Hunter LEP)	Western side of Yarrowonga Road, near Rotherwood Road.	Minor. Although no physical adverse impacts would result from the proposed modifications, the potential visual impact of the nearby turbines, transmission line and permanent met masts would have a minor adverse impact on the heritage significance of ‘Yarrowonga’. However, as the heritage item will retain other views within the open landscape, and no significant heritage elements are proposed to be directly impacted, the minor heritage impact is considered acceptable and was found to be substantially the same as the Approved Project.
PHI 1 (Meat store/shed)	Located off Vinegaroy Road approximately 4 km southeast of Coolah.	No impact. Assessed as not meeting the threshold for local or state heritage significance.
PHI 2 (Shearer’s shed and quarters), associated with the ‘Yarrowonga’ property	Western side of Yarrowonga Road, near Rotherwood Road.	Minor. Assessed as having potential heritage significance at a local level.
PHI 3 (Modified tree)	Northern side of Rotherwood Road, within the road corridor approximately midway between Coolah and Cassilis.	No impact. Assessed as not meeting the threshold for local or state heritage significance.
PHI 4 (Former shearers kitchen), associated with the ‘Dalkeith property’,	Approximately 2.6 km southwest of the listed area for ‘Dalkeith’ estate.	No impact. Assessed as not meeting the threshold for local or state heritage significance.

What are the proposed mitigation strategies?

No direct impacts to historic heritage values are expected. To protect known historic heritage values and any discovered during construction we are proposing to:

- Established an unexpected heritage finds protocol and include it in the environmental management plans to be prepared for the Project.
- Implement heritage-specific inductions for all relevant Project team members
- Implement a protocol for the discovery of unexpected historical archaeological material.

The mitigation measures for potential impacts on historic heritage will be detailed in a Heritage Management Plan in accordance with the existing conditions of the Development Consent.

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.

To stay up to date on progress of the Project visit:

Modification Application:

www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/mod-1-turbine-and-infrastructure-changes

EPBC Approval:

epbcpublicportal.awe.gov.au/all-referrals/project-referral-summary/?id=dc3fd301-9a6b-ed11-81ac-00224818aa21

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