

Environmental Guidance Note – Heritage

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This Guidance Note outlines the processes and mitigation measures to avoid *harm* to heritage items identified/flagged in the vicinity of proposed *maintenance works*.

Significant Aboriginal, cultural and European heritage sites may flag on or in the vicinity of Transgrid's easements, properties and tracks used for access. It is an offense to harm or destroy cultural heritage objects. Cultural heritage information (sourced from AHIMs) and State/locally listed heritage sites in the vicinity of Transgrid's Easements are mapped in Transgrid's TSS system.

Transgrid's EAF requires all *maintenance works* that may cause *harm* to heritage are assessed by an Authorised Officer.

There are many types of aboriginal cultural sites/objects, including but not limited to:

- Quarries
- Middens
- Stone Tools and fragments
- Engravings
- Art
- Grinding grooves and wells

European Heritage (State Heritage Register) flagged near Transgrid assets may include:

- Canals
- Old buildings/ruins (for example Bathurst Migrant Camp in TL 944 Span 173)
- Pipelines
- Bridges

Determining if *harm* is likely?

Will activities disturb the heritage item, the ground surface or any culturally modified tree? Harm can include movement of an item from its original location, not just a modification of the item.

Depending on the type of heritage site, *harm* may occur where the following activities are undertaken in the vicinity of heritage sites:

Disturbance of the ground by using mobile plant/machines, such as:

- Access with heavy plant or equipment with steel tracks,
- Mulching/slashing operations, and
- Pruning or removal of mature trees.

Where heritage sites flag in the vicinity of proposed works an assessment of whether *harm* is likely must be undertaken by an E5 authorised person.

Control measures to mitigate *harm*

Locations of flagged heritage sites must be shown on either Work Plans or associated maps

All staff and contractors to be made aware of identified heritage sites/areas and the control measures to protect heritage items including tagging/barricading sites prior to the commencement of work

Any excavation or ground disturbing works in the vicinity of identified cultural heritage sites must be reviewed by a Transgrid Environment Business Partner (E5)

Where potential *harm* is unavoidable, an AHIP may be required. Consult with the local Transgrid Environment Business Partner to assess the proposed works. For approval of potential harm of Aboriginal cultural heritage, an AHIP is required and works must be in accordance with AHIP Conditions.

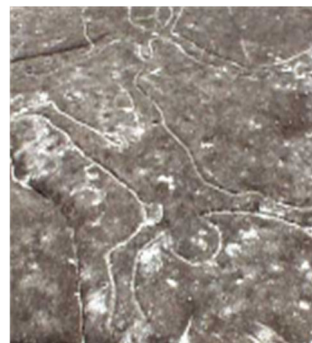
Unexpected Finds

If during the work you identify potential heritage, cease work immediately, advise workers of the site and contact the site supervisor. The site supervisor shall then contact the Yura Ngura Indigenous Advisory team and/or your Environmental Business Partner whom will assist with the next steps required.

If suspected human remains are discovered, contact the police.



Well and grinding grooves



Engravings



Tree Scar (from bark removal for a shield)



Artefacts



Stone quarry



European Heritage ruins



Shell midden