

Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission Line Upgrade Project

Environmental Impact Statement Historical Heritage Assessment

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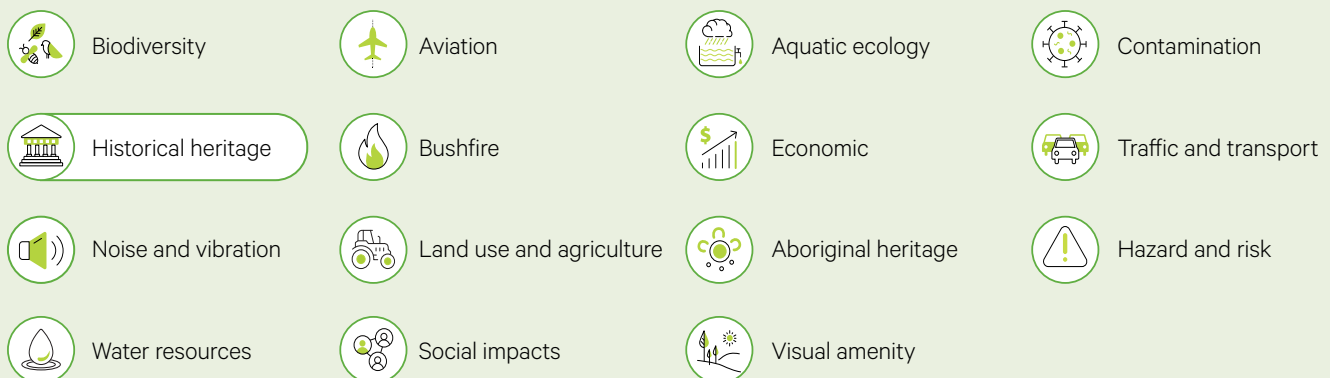
How can I provide feedback on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)?

Local community members, councils, stakeholders, community groups and organisations are encouraged to view the EIS and to have a say by making a submission. You can view the EIS and

specialist studies online via the [NSW Major Projects Planning Portal](#) and search for unique ID SSI-70279722 or 'Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission'.

The Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission Line Upgrade Project (the Project) comprises the construction and operation of approximately 8 km of new 330 kV transmission line between the Mount Piper and Wallerawang 330 kV substations, on the lands of the Wiradjuri people.

The Project will carry out upgrades to our transmission network in the State's Central Tablelands to support the NSW Government's delivery of the Central-West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (CWOREZ).



What is a Historical Heritage Assessment?

As part of the EIS being prepared, a detailed assessment was undertaken to identify and assess the potential impacts of the Project in relation to non-Aboriginal heritage.

Historical (Non-Aboriginal) heritage refers to heritage associated with Australia's inhabitants and visitors starting with the arrival of the first European settlement and is separate from Aboriginal or Indigenous Australian culture.

What does this study assess?

The assessment includes:

- 11.4 hectares of low-productivity agricultural land
- reviewing relevant legislation and policy
- reviewing relevant archaeological and historical data including heritage registers and schedules, local histories and archaeological reports

- searching statutory heritage registers and schedules including:
 - World Heritage List
 - National Heritage List
 - Commonwealth Heritage List
 - State Heritage Register
 - Heritage and Conservation Register(s) within the State Heritage Inventory (NSW Heritage).
 - Lithgow Local Environmental Plans
- conducting field surveys within the Project footprint
- assessing potential direct and indirect impacts to non-Aboriginal heritage
- recommending mitigation and management measures to minimise identified impacts.



What potential historical heritage items have been identified?

There are no World heritage, National heritage, Commonwealth or State Heritage Items identified within the Project footprint.

Three historic heritage items have been identified within 50 m of the Project footprint. These heritage items sit within a heavy industrial landscape and all three are in areas that have been significantly impacted by industry over many decades. The Project is not expected to negatively impact these historic items.

The three heritage items and the proposed mitigations are:

Wallerawang rail bridge – located within the Project footprint, located across the Coxs River.

Proposed mitigation - an alternate access track has been proposed for vehicles that are unable to fit through the sandstone arch to avoid the possibility of damage to the heritage-listed item. The Project does not intend to modify the current access road, therefore, no impact will be made to the heritage significance of the bridge.



Image: Wallerawang rail bridge.

St John the Evangelist Church – located approximately 50 m west of the Project footprint, located on Main Street, Wallerawang.

Proposed mitigation - the Project will minimise the use of vibratory equipment for nearby access track upgrades and maintain safe working distances to avoid vibration damage. Care will be taken to reduce construction impacts for access track upgrades near St John the Evangelist Church due to its already fragile condition.



Image: St John the Evangelist Church at Main Street, Wallerawang.

Old Wallerawang School House – located within the Project footprint, located on the corner of Main Street and Castlereagh Highway.

Proposed mitigation - this heritage item will be fenced off and is currently separated by a screen of trees on both banks of the Coxs River and by approximately 150 m of grassed paddock. On-site training will show the School House as an exclusion zone.

An Unexpected Finds Protocol will be created that will outline the process to follow if any items of potential non-Aboriginal historic heritage significance or human remains are discovered during construction.



Image: Old Wallerawang School House at Main Street, Wallerawang.

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