



View southeast along the Project footprint.

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN

MOUNT PIPER TO WALLERAWANG TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADE PROJECT

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ABBREVIATIONS AND GLOSSARY

ACHCRs	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010
ACHMP	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan
AHIMS	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System
AHIP	Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit. Issued by HNSW to allow harm to Aboriginal objects.
Amendment Report	Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission Line Upgrade Project Amendment Report (Transgrid, 2025)
ASIRF	Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form
ATSIHP Act	<i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984</i>
DPHI	NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
EP&A Act	<i>NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>
EPBC Act	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environment Impact Statement
EPBC Act	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
HNSW	Heritage NSW. Government department tasked with ensuring compliance with the NPW Act. HNSW is advised by the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC)
Infrastructure Approval	SSI-70279722 – Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission: Development of a new 330 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Mt Piper 330kV/500kV substation and Wallerawang 330kV Substation
km	kilometres
LGA	Local Government Area
LALC	Local Aboriginal Land Council
m	metres
ha	hectares
NSW	New South Wales
NPW Act	<i>NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> . Primary legislation governing Aboriginal cultural heritage within NSW.

NPWS	NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service
PAD	Potential Archaeological Deposit. Term used to denote a landform assessed as having high potential for subsurface archaeological deposits.
RAPs	Registered Aboriginal Parties. An individual or group who have indicated through the ACHCR process that they wish to be consulted regarding the Project.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PREAMBLE

This Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP, the Plan) provides heritage management measures for Aboriginal heritage in relation to the Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission Line Upgrade Project (the Project). The Project is located within the Central West region of NSW within the Lithgow City Council Local Government Area (LGA). It is located approximately 14 kilometres (km) northwest of Lithgow, situated on the western fringe of the Blue Mountains.

1.2 BRIEF PROJECT BACKGROUND

Transgrid proposes to deliver a new 330 kilovolt (kV) transmission line of approximately 8 km in length between the Mount Piper and Wallerawang 330 kV substations for the Project. The Project was declared Critical State Significant Infrastructure on 4 July 2024 and is subject to approval by the NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces under Part 5, Division 5.2 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW) (EP&A Act). The Project was deemed a controlled action on 2 August 2024 under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth) (EPBC Act) and also requires approval from the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Water.

Transgrid has appointed Zinfra as the Principal Contractor to construct and deliver this Project. Zinfra is the responsible party for implementing all mitigation measures and Conditions of Approval relevant to construction during the construction phase of the Project.

The layout of the Project is shown on **Figure 1-1**. **Table 1-1** outlines the key features of the Project. The description of the Project in **Table 1-1** is based on the current concept design.

Table 1-1: The Project

Aspect	Description
Design	
Transmission line and easement	- Approximately 8 km of new 330 kV transmission line between the existing Mount Piper 330 kV and Wallerawang 330 kV substations that would include (from west to east): - widening of approximately 0.5 km of existing easements in the vicinity of the Mount Piper 330 kV substation by up to 40 m to accommodate the new 330 kV transmission line and adjustments to existing 132 kV and 330 kV transmission lines - widening of the existing 132 kV easement from 45 m to 60 m for 4.8 km to accommodate double circuit transmission structures for the existing 132 kV transmission line and the new 330 kV transmission line - installation of two 132 kV pole structures where the existing 132 kV transmission line is restrung onto the new double circuit transmission structures - construction of 1.2 km of new 330 kV transmission line from the existing 132 kV transmission line south-east to the intersection of Main Street and the Castlereagh Highway on a 60 m easement - construction of 1.5 km of new 330 kV transmission line on a 40 m easement running parallel to existing 330 kV transmission lines for approximately 1.1 km and then diverging and widening to 60 m for the remaining 0.4 km to the Wallerawang 330 kV substation. - The standard easement widths for 132 kV and 330 kV transmission lines are 45 m and 60 m respectively. However, easements may vary in width where multiple transmission lines converge/diverge or where they overlap with an existing easement.

Aspect	Description
Transmission structures	Transmission structures for the Project include approximately 28 new steel lattice towers and four steel and/or concrete pole structures. Transmission structures would range in height from approximately 14 to up to 60 m, however these heights would be subject to detailed design. The image below presents an indicative illustration of the types of structures proposed for the Project and their maximum heights. - The steel transmission structures would generally be spaced between 100 m to 550 m apart and the pole structures about 30 m to 50 m apart. - New conductors, earth wires and optical ground wire (OPGW) would be installed on the new transmission structures for the new 330 kV and existing 132 kV lines. - Local adjustment of existing transmission structures would be required in the vicinity of the Mount Piper 330 kV substation to minimise crossover of transmission lines. - Redundant transmission structures, including the gantry immediately north of the Main Western Rail Line, would be removed and recycled, where possible.
Construction	
Construction hours	Pre-construction minor works, construction, demolition, upgrading or decommissioning activities may only be undertaken between: (a) 7 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday; (b) 8 am to 1 pm Saturdays; and (c) at no time on Sundays and NSW public holidays; unless the Planning Secretary agrees otherwise. Potential exceptions to these hours are described in Condition B1 of the Infrastructure Approval. Outside of hours work may be undertaken following application for and approval as per the protocol in the Noise and Vibration Management Plan and Out of Hours Protocol in accordance with Condition B11(h).
Construction workforce	Expected to peak at about 150 personnel and contractor, with an average workforce of about 60 personnel and contractor.
Construction compounds and laydown areas	A total of three construction compounds would support the construction of the Project. One would be located at the western end of the Project near the Mount Piper 330 kV substation and two located at the eastern end of the Project within the former Wallerawang Power Station site. Laydown of materials (e.g. poles, cable drums, other large equipment, etc.) would also occur at specified locations along the easement within the Project footprint, particularly at transmission structure locations.
Access	To facilitate efficient construction access, the following is required: - upgrading and widening of approximately 20 km of existing access tracks to at least 6 m, with some sections widened up to 10 m due to local topography - construction of approximately 2.5 km of new 6 m wide access tracks. - Use of approximately 12 km of existing track not requiring upgrades In addition to the above, approximately 4.3 km of existing tracks would be used only by light vehicles. The light vehicle tracks may require minor repairs (for example, filling potholes), but would not be graded or widened. The Project footprint would be accessed from public roads at 12 access points, with the majority of these being existing property access points. Existing access tracks would be used in preference to new tracks wherever possible. Access track upgrades and widening would include required drainage.
Construction duration and maintenance	Subject to receiving necessary approvals, construction would commence in September 2026 and be undertaken over a period of approximately 20 months.
Operation and maintenance	
Operational workforce	Managed as part of existing operations with no additional staff requirements.
Design life	About 50 years.
Access	Nine access points used for the construction phase will be retained for maintenance and operation purposes. Access points and access tracks not required for future operation and maintenance activities would be returned to pre-construction conditions, subject to agreement (or as agreed) with landowners.
Maintenance	All Project infrastructure would require regular maintenance to maintain serviceability and maximise its operational life. Maintenance activities would include: - transmission structure monitoring - annual aerial inspection - routine vegetation management on the easement and in the hazard tree zone - access tracks would be maintained in a trafficable condition. Should any irregularities be identified following routine inspections, a work crew would be dispatched from existing Transgrid maintenance depots to rectify any defects found.

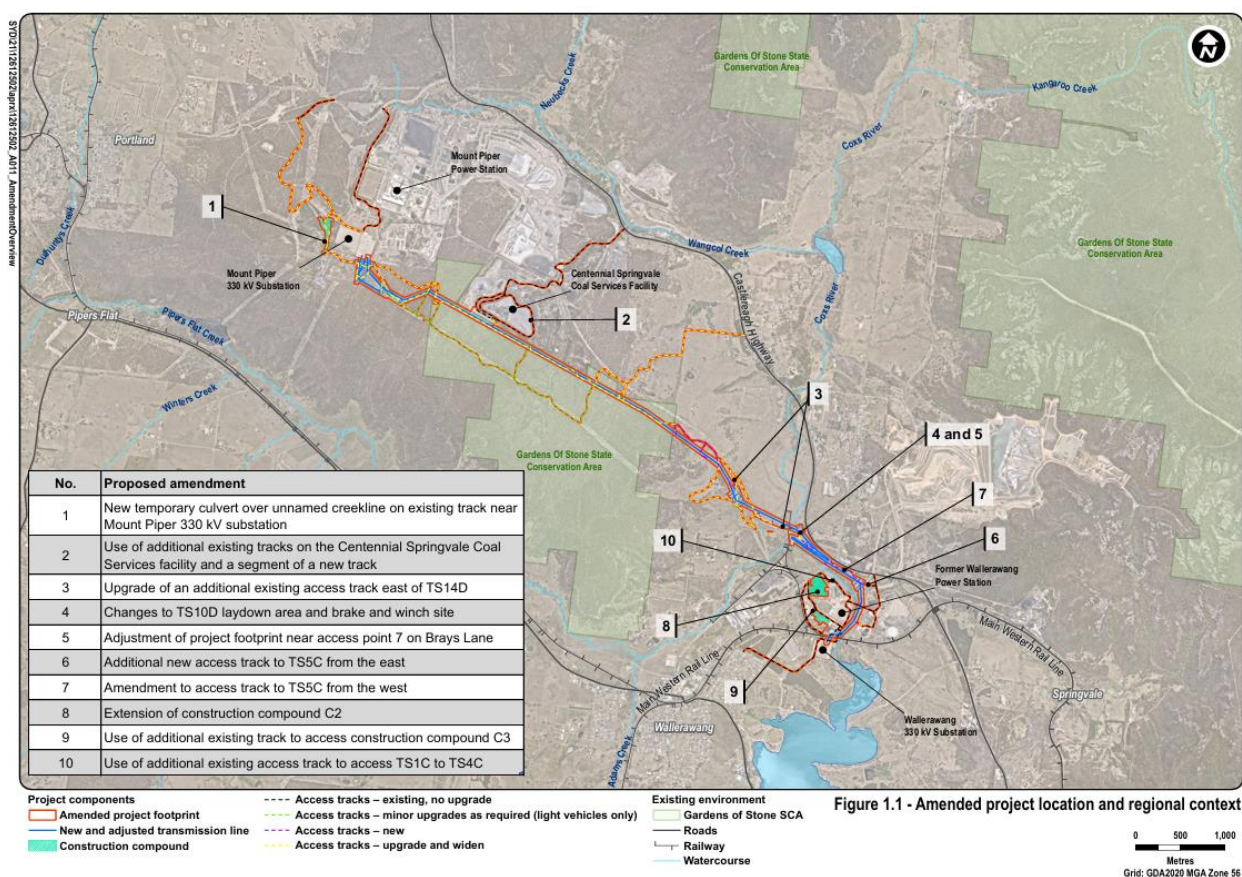
Aspect	Description
	Periodic inspection and maintenance work would be managed by Transgrid as part of existing operations, with no additional personnel requirements.

1.3 PROJECT APPROVAL AND PLAN REQUIREMENTS

All actions addressed in this Plan will take place within the approved development footprint for the Project, as shown **Figure 1-1**.

This Plan has been prepared by Harrison Rochford, OzArk Environment & Heritage Senior Archaeologist and Dr Jodie Benton, OzArk Environment & Heritage Director and Principal Archaeologist. The authors were endorsed as suitably qualified and experienced persons per Condition B27(a) of the Infrastructure Approval by DPHI. The endorsement is provided as **Appendix 2**.

Figure 1-1: The Project footprint.



1.4 PURPOSE

This Plan provides a description of the Aboriginal heritage management strategies, procedures, controls, and monitoring programs to be implemented within the development footprint for the construction and operation of the Project.

The Plan is intended for use during the construction phase of the Project, including the salvage and protection measures outlined in section 5.2, but it is noted that some management actions outlined in this Plan will continue into operation.

1.5 STAGING

A Staging Report has been developed in accordance with Condition C4-C6. Revision 2.1 of the Staging Report was endorsed by the Environmental Representative (ER) on 8 September 2026.

The Staging Report identified 3 stages. These Stages have the same meaning as the terms defined in the Infrastructure Approval. The Stages are;

- Pre-Construction
- Construction
- Operation

Future stages, including upgrading and decommissioning will be addressed through future revisions of the Staging Report, as required. Following endorsement of the Staging Report, Transgrid submitted a Staging Request to the Planning Secretary for staging specific to the ACHMP in accordance with Condition C7 which was approved by DPHI on 28 August 2026.

In accordance with the Staging Request, this Management Plan addresses the construction stage only. As such, operational impacts and monitoring do not fall within the scope of this ACHMP and are not addressed within the processes contained within this plan. Requirements applicable to the remaining stages, including operation, upgrading and decommissioning, will be addressed in a separate document prior to commencement of the relevant stage.

The Staging Report and Staging Request are subject to update where the project staging arrangements are revised or further stages are progressed.

1.6 OBJECTIVES

This Plan has been developed to satisfy the relevant conditions of the Infrastructure Approval and to ensure that Aboriginal cultural heritage within the Project footprint is managed in accordance with all relevant legislation and in consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs). The Plan has also been developed to satisfy the requirements of the Revised Mitigation Measures for the Project.

The objectives of this Plan are to set out controls and protocols for the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and to prevent unapproved impact to any identified or unidentified Aboriginal heritage sites and values within the Project footprint.

The Plan:

- Details the management procedures for Aboriginal heritage within the Project footprint

- Details reporting and further heritage assessment requirements
- Presents a detailed process for ongoing Aboriginal community consultation
- Outlines the obligations of Project personnel to protect Aboriginal sites
- Describes the roles and responsibilities of personnel in managing Aboriginal heritage sites before and after salvage works
- Provides for continuous improvement through auditing and Plan modification.

The way this Plan addresses the statutory requirements of the Infrastructure Approval is detailed in **Section 2.1**.

2 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PLAN

2.1 INFRASTRUCTURE APPROVAL CONDITIONS

The Infrastructure Approval for SSI- 70279722 stipulates requirements related to this Plan. These are summarised in **Table 2-1**.

Table 2-2 summarises the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) statement of commitments as relevant to Aboriginal heritage.

Table 2-1: Aboriginal cultural heritage-related conditions.

Condition	Subsection	Description (NSW DPHI 2026)	Section/s addressed	How addressed
B25 The Proponent must:	(a)	ensure the development does not cause harm to any historic heritage items (see Table 3-3 of Appendix 3) or Aboriginal cultural heritage items (see Table 3-1 of Appendix 3)	Section 5 details management measures relevant to the avoidance of harm to the Aboriginal cultural heritage items in Table 3-1 of Appendix 3.	Obligations to avoid harm, protect and implement management measures are provided in Section 5.1. Site-specific management measures for each of the six Aboriginal sites are provided in Section 5.2 and Table 5-1. Historic heritage is managed under the HHMP.
	(b)	manage the Aboriginal cultural heritage identified in Table 3-2 of Appendix 3 in accordance with the specified mitigation management measures and in accordance with the requirements of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan, as outlined in condition B27, including any subsequent revision of this plan	Section 4.1 and Table 4-1 provide details on identified Aboriginal cultural heritage. Section 5 details management measures.	Identified Aboriginal cultural heritage is detailed in Table 4-1 and mapped in Figures 4-1 and 4-2. Table 5-1 assigns the approved management category to each site, implemented through the surface collection and ground disturbance avoidance procedures in Section 5.2.
	(c)	manage the historic heritage identified in Table 3-3 of Appendix 3 in accordance with the requirements of the Historic Heritage Management Plan, as outlined in condition B26, including any subsequent revision of this plan;	Addressed in HHMP	Not applicable to this Plan. Historic heritage management measures are provided in Sections 4.1 and 5.1 of the HHMP.
	(d)	salvage and relocate items that would be impacted to a suitable location, in accordance with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan described in condition B27; and	Section 5.2.1	A surface collection methodology for sites 45-1-2967 and 45-1-0215 is provided in Section 5.2.1, to be completed prior to construction. Long-term management of salvaged objects is addressed in Section 5.6.
	(e)	develop an Unexpected Finds Procedure including a contingency plan and reporting procedure, in accordance with the guidelines and standards specified by Heritage NSW, to be implemented for the duration of the Project. The procedure must include the requirement to notify Heritage NSW of any identified relics or Aboriginal objects, and register any newly identified Aboriginal objects or sites in the AHIMS database.	Section 5.4	An unexpected finds protocol is provided in Section 5.4, including stop work, specialist and RAP assessment, notification of Heritage NSW and DPHI Compliance, and AHIMS registration. Statutory AHIMS notification requirements are reinforced in Section 6.3.1.
B27	(a)	be prepared by suitably qualified and experienced person/s whose	The Plan has been prepared by suitably	The Plan has been prepared by suitably qualified and

Condition	Subsection	Description (NSW DPHI 2026)	Section/s addressed	How addressed
Prior to the carrying out of any development that could harm Aboriginal heritage items, the Proponent must prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. The plan must:		appointment has been endorsed by the Planning Secretary;	qualified and experienced authors, who have been endorsed by the Planning Secretary (Appendix 2)	experienced authors, endorsed by DPHI on 10 June 2026. The endorsement is provided in Appendix 2.
	(b)	be prepared in consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties and reviewed by Heritage NSW;	Section 3.3 and Appendix 1	The Plan has been prepared in consultation with the RAPs and reviewed by Heritage NSW. Items raised at the 1 July 2026 RAP meeting and where each is addressed are recorded in Table 3-1, with the full consultation log in Appendix 1.
	(c)	include a description of the measures (and associated methodologies) that would be implemented for: (i) undertaking the management activities specified in Table 3-2 of Appendix 3, including a detailed methodology for each of the approved management activities; (ii) the long-term management of any Aboriginal heritage items or cultural material collected; (iii) ensuring workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that records are kept of these inductions; (iv) ongoing consultation and involvement of Registered Aboriginal Parties in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage and (v) preparing Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Forms (ASIRFs) for all impacted Aboriginal heritage sites following construction activities, with ASIRFs to be submitted to the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS)	(i) Section 5.2 (ii) Section 5.6 (iii) Section 5.7.2 (iv) Section 3.3.1 (v) Sections 5.2.1, 6.1.1 and 6.4	(i) Methodologies for each approved management activity are provided in Section 5.2, including surface collection, site-specific avoidance of ground disturbance, and fencing and signage specifications. (ii) Long-term management of salvaged objects is provided in Section 5.6. (iii) Heritage induction requirements and record keeping are provided in Section 5.7.2. (iv) (Ongoing RAP consultation protocols are provided in Section 3.3.1. (v) ASIRF preparation and submission to AHIMS within four months of salvage is required under Section 5.2.1 and Section 6.1.
	(d)	include the Unexpected Finds Procedure, and	Section 5.4 and Section 5.5	The unexpected finds protocol is provided in Section 5.4 and the unanticipated skeletal remains protocol in Section 5.5 and Figure 5-5.
	(e)	include a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of management measures and any Aboriginal cultural heritage impacts of the Project.	Sections 5.3, 6.2, 6.3.1 and 6.4	A monitoring program is provided in Section 5.3, comprising weekly exclusion zone monitoring and baseline and six-monthly site condition monitoring by an archaeologist with a RAP representative. Reporting and record keeping requirements are provided in Sections 6.1.2, 6.2.1, 6.3.1 and 6.4.

2.2 STATEMENT OF COMMITMENTS / ACHAR AND HHAR RECOMMENDATIONS

Several recommendations were made within the ACHAR (OzArk 2025) following an assessment of impacts to Aboriginal heritage. These are summarised below in the Statement of Commitments based on the EIS mitigation measures (**Table 2-2**). The full context of these recommendations can be found within the ACHAR.

Table 2-2: EIS mitigation measures.

Reference	Impact category	Environmental measure	Section/s addressed	How addressed
H1	General	An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) will be prepared in consultation with the RAPs and DPHI - Planning, with input from Heritage NSW. The ACHMP will include:	Sections 3.1 and 3.3 and Appendix 1	This Plan has been prepared in consultation with the RAPs and DPHI and reviewed by Heritage NSW. Consultation evidence is detailed in Sections 3.1 and 3.3, Table 3-1 and Appendix 1.
		an Unexpected Heritage Finds Protocol for any new discovery of Aboriginal artefacts as per the detailed methodology described in the ACHAR	Section 5.4	An unexpected finds protocol consistent with the ACHAR and Heritage NSW guidelines is provided in Section 5.4.
		an unanticipated skeletal find protocol as described in detail in the ACHAR	Section 5.5	An unanticipated human skeletal remains protocol is provided in Section 5.5 and Figure 5-5.
		a process for engaging with RAPs prior to and during construction of the Project	Section 3.3.1	Ongoing RAP consultation protocols, including the matters RAPs will be consulted on and annual Project updates, are provided in Section 3.3.1. An issue and correspondence register is established under Section 3.3.2.
		salvage methodology	Section 5.2.1	A surface collection methodology for sites 45-1-2967 and 45-1-0215 is provided in Section 5.2.1, including artefact recording, secure storage, salvage reporting and ASIRF submission.
		heritage induction procedures	Section 5.7.2	Aboriginal cultural heritage induction requirements, including induction content and record keeping, are provided in Section 5.7.2. Opportunities for RAP involvement in the induction material will be explored.
		provisions for the long-term management of the Aboriginal objects that are salvaged.	Section 5.6	Long-term management options are provided in Section 5.6, being a care agreement with Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation or, failing that, reburial on Country with the location determined with RAP representatives and

Reference	Impact category	Environmental measure	Section/s addressed	How addressed
				registered as a new AHIMS site.
H2	Impact avoidance	Impacts on Aboriginal heritage sites will be avoided for Springvale Colliery (45-1-0237), WPS-IF1 (45-1-2800), and WPS PAD 2 by:	Section 5.2.2	Avoidance of ground disturbance measures for each site are provided in Section 5.2.2, with fencing alignments shown in Figures 5-1, 5-2 and 5-4 and fencing and signage specifications in Section 5.2.3.
		implementing a no-go zone for 45-1-2800	Section 5.2.2.1	Site 45-1-2800 will be marked as a No Go Zone with a 5 m buffer fenced during construction, as shown in Figure 5-1, and recorded on construction documents and Transgrid GIS.
		adopting construction and maintenance work methods that avoid ground disturbance [relates to 45-1-0237 and WPS PAD 2]	Sections 5.2.2.2 and 5.2.2.3	A fenced No Go Zone with a 10 m buffer will be established over the central deposit at 45-1-0237, with bog mats used across the background scatter during stringing (Section 5.2.2.2). Works at WPS PAD 2 will use non-ground-disturbing vegetation management and imported fill or mats for vehicle access (Section 5.2.2.3).
		These methods will be monitored during operation and maintained as necessary.	Sections 5.3.1 and 5.3.2	Weekly exclusion zone monitoring and baseline and six-monthly site condition monitoring are provided in Sections 5.3.1 and 5.3.2. Consistent with the approved Staging Request (Section 1.5), operational monitoring is outside the scope of this Plan and will be addressed in a separate document.
		All Aboriginal heritage sites within the Project footprint and PAD sites that extend outside the Project footprint will be clearly marked on construction plans and mapped and recorded in Transgrid's GIS system to avoid impacts.	Sections 5.2 and 6.2.1	Section 5.2 requires all sites and PADs extending outside the footprint to be marked on construction plans and recorded in Transgrid GIS. An Aboriginal archaeological sites database will be maintained under Section 6.2.1 and checked prior to any ground disturbance approval.
H3	Surface salvage	Sites 45-1-0215 and 45-1-2967 will be salvaged through the recording and collection of the surface artefacts, prior to construction in accordance with the salvage methodology described in the ACHAR	Section 5.2.1	Both sites will be salvaged by surface collection prior to construction in accordance with Section 5.2.1, with collection at 45-1-0215 limited to the development area as shown in Figure 5-3.

3 CONSULTATION

3.1 CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDERS

This Plan has been reviewed by Heritage NSW as per Schedule 2 Condition 27 (b) of the Infrastructure Approval. **Appendix 1 Table 1** documents consultation with Heritage NSW and DPHI through the drafting of the Plan.

3.2 ABORIGINAL PARTIES CONSULTED

In accordance with Schedule 2 Condition 27 (b) of the Infrastructure Approval, this Plan has been prepared in consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs).

Details of Aboriginal community consultation undertaken for the Project EIS are detailed in OzArk 2025a. The assessment followed the guidelines contained in the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* (ACHCRs) (DECCW 2010a). In summary, the following RAPs were identified and consulted with respect to the proposed management of Aboriginal cultural heritage:

- Bathurst Local Aboriginal Land Council.
- Didge Ngunawal Clan
- Girragirra Murun Aboriginal Corporation
- Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
- Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group
- Konanggo Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Service
- Koori Digs Services
- Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation (late registration 12 March 2024)
- Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation
- Stakeholder 1
- Thomas Dahlstrom
- Timothy Stubbs
- Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation (NTCAC)
- Wingarra Wilay Aboriginal Corporation
- Wiradjuri Council of Elders

3.3 RAP CONSULTATION ON THIS PLAN

Consultation completed with the RAPs during the drafting of this Plan is presented in **Appendix 1**. The RAPs were provided with a draft version of this Plan on 5 June 2026. Two comments in support of the Plan and its measures were received from Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation and Warrabinga NTCAC (**Appendix 1 Figure 1**).

All RAPs were invited to an in-person meeting, held in Wallerawang on 1 July 2026. The meeting was attended by representatives of Transgrid, Zinfra, OzArk, Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation and Warrabinga NTCAC.

Table 3-1: Items raised by RAPs during the 1 July 2026 meeting

RAP	Item	Where addressed (if required)
Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation	Long term management of salvaged objects. Aunty Helen Riley indicated a preference for management of the objects at a location where they could be displayed, rather than reburied.	Section 3.3.3
Warrabinga NTCAC	Coral Williams (CW) supported curation of objects rather than reburial	Section 3.3.3
Warrabinga NTCAC	CW proposed role for RAPs in preparation and delivery of cultural heritage inductions for workers on the Project	Section 5.7.2

3.3.1 Ongoing consultation protocols

Zinfra will continue to consult with the RAPs identified in **Section 3.2** in compliance with Infrastructure Approval Condition B27 (c) (iv). Consultation with the RAPs will include, but not be limited to:

- The draft Plan has been reviewed by the RAPs and applicable comments have been considered and incorporated into this final Plan
- Notification of new discoveries of Aboriginal objects
- Notification of new discoveries of Aboriginal skeletal material
- Review of the Plan, any modifications to the Infrastructure Approval in accordance with relevant requirements, as established by the regulatory authorities (currently Heritage NSW) (**Section 7.1**).
- Any archaeological salvage program.
- Significant changes to the Project that may have implications for Aboriginal heritage management. A significant change is defined as anything that would require revision of this Plan, i.e. an Aboriginal site being moved from an avoidance management strategy to one where salvage was required.
- Opportunities for RAPs to participate in employment, training and supply of goods and services.
- Long-term artefact management (**Section 3.3.3**)

Communication with RAPs will occur annually for Project updates and general consultation, allowing for regular and inclusive engagement so that ideas, aspirations and concerns can be raised.

Zinfra's Project Engagement Lead will undertake annual updates to the RAPs during the construction phase of the Project and Transgrid will be responsible for providing updates during operation.

3.3.2 Issue and correspondence register

Any issues raised by RAPs during construction will be documented by Zinfra, and issues raised during operation will be documented by Transgrid. During the construction phase, Zinfra will be responsible for managing correspondence and maintaining a complaint register which would include complaints from RAPs and a RAP consultation register. These would document issues raised and actions taken in response. Complaints from RAPs would be acknowledged to the complainant within 24 hours. The RAP would then be provided with further communication after 48 hours which would either resolve the complaint or provide a timeframe for resolution. Further guidance on this is in the Community Consultation Strategy document. Non complaint correspondence received from RAPs will be responded to within 5 days, where practicable.

3.3.3 Long-term artefact management

The draft version of this Plan that was circulated for RAP review in June 2026 indicated that consultation with the RAPs was ongoing regarding the long-term management of salvaged Aboriginal objects. At the meeting to discuss the measures in the draft Plan, held on 1 July 2026, it was proposed by members of the RAP organisations present that their preference would be for Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation to pursue a care agreement to allow for the housing and display of the salvaged objects at their office in Lithgow (1b Ordnance Avenue, Lithgow 2790).

If a care agreement for the transfer of Aboriginal objects salvaged under this Plan is not sought, reburial of the objects on Country is an appropriate option. It was the preference of the RAPs present that reburial be completed without storage of the objects in plastic receptacles (boxes, bags). The other elements of Requirement 26 of the *Code of Practice for the Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (The Code of Practice, DECCW 2010) were acceptable.

If reburial were to take place, a suitable location for reburial will be determined during the surface salvage program (**Section 5.2.1**) by RAP representatives, Zinfra representatives, Transgrid representatives and a suitably qualified archaeologist (refer to **Table 7-1**).

4 ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUES

4.1 IDENTIFIED ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

There are six Aboriginal sites within or in close proximity to the Project footprint. **Table 4-1** outlines the details of the Aboriginal sites relevant to this Plan. **Figure 4-1** shows the location of these sites and **Figure 4-2** shows the sites with reference to their management measures.

Detailed descriptions and images of each site are provided in **Section 6.4** of OzArk (2025).

Table 4-1: Aboriginal heritage sites relevant to the Project

AHIMS ID	Site name	Site type	Coordinates (GDA Zone 56) East	Coordinates (GDA Zone 56) North	Site within Project Footprint?
45-1-2967	Mount Piper Substation IF1	Isolated find	223300	6304001	Yes
45-1-2994	Lidsdale 2 PAD Extension	PAD	228255	6301269	No
45-1-0237	Springvale Colliery	Artefact site	228115	6301000	Yes
45-1-0215	Lamberts Creek 5	Artefact scatter with PAD	225425	6302667	Yes
Not applicable	WPS PAD2	PAD	228904	6300243	Yes
45-1-2800	WPS-IF1	Isolated find	228556	6300579	Yes

Figure 4-1: Aboriginal heritage sites within the Project footprint

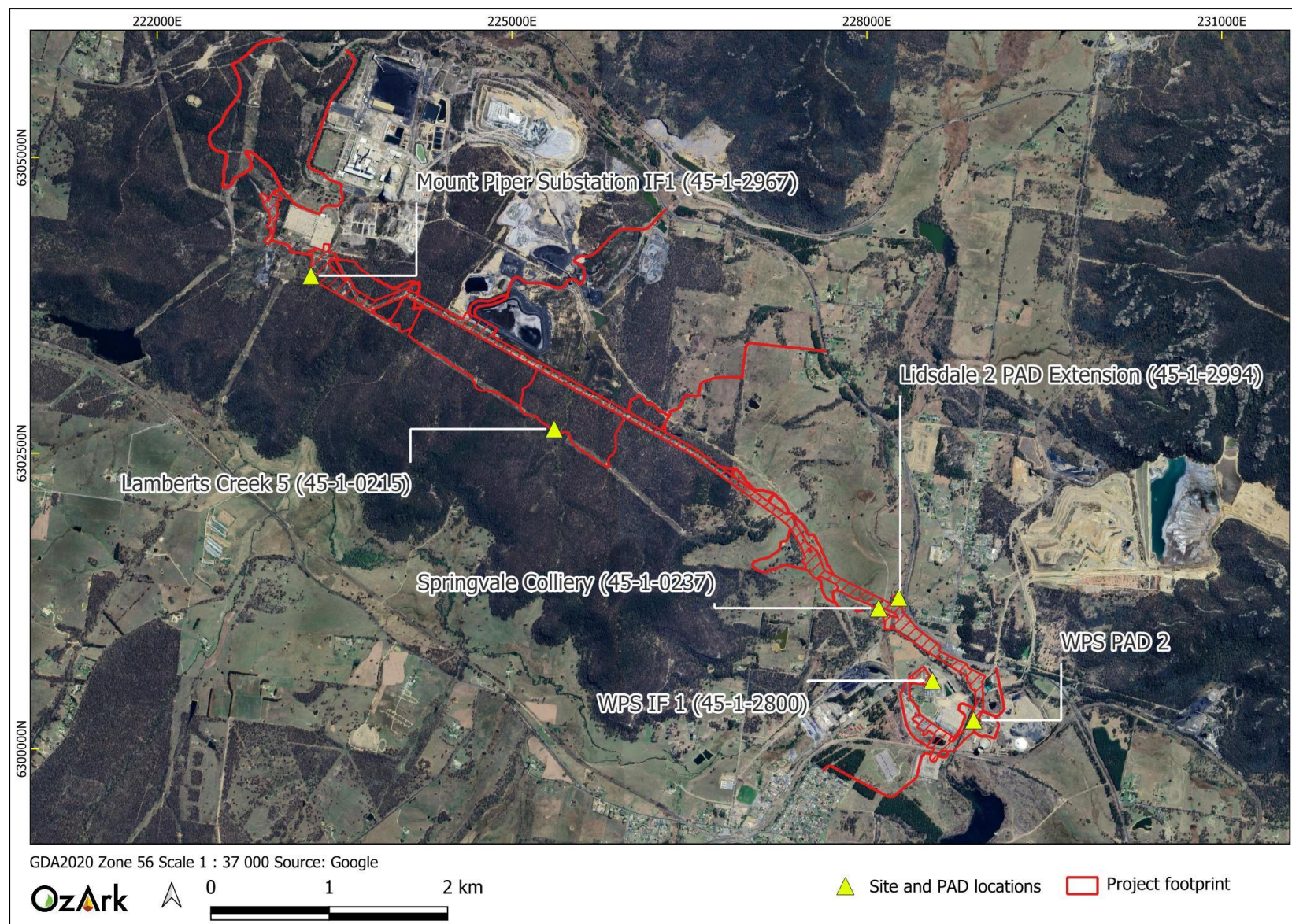
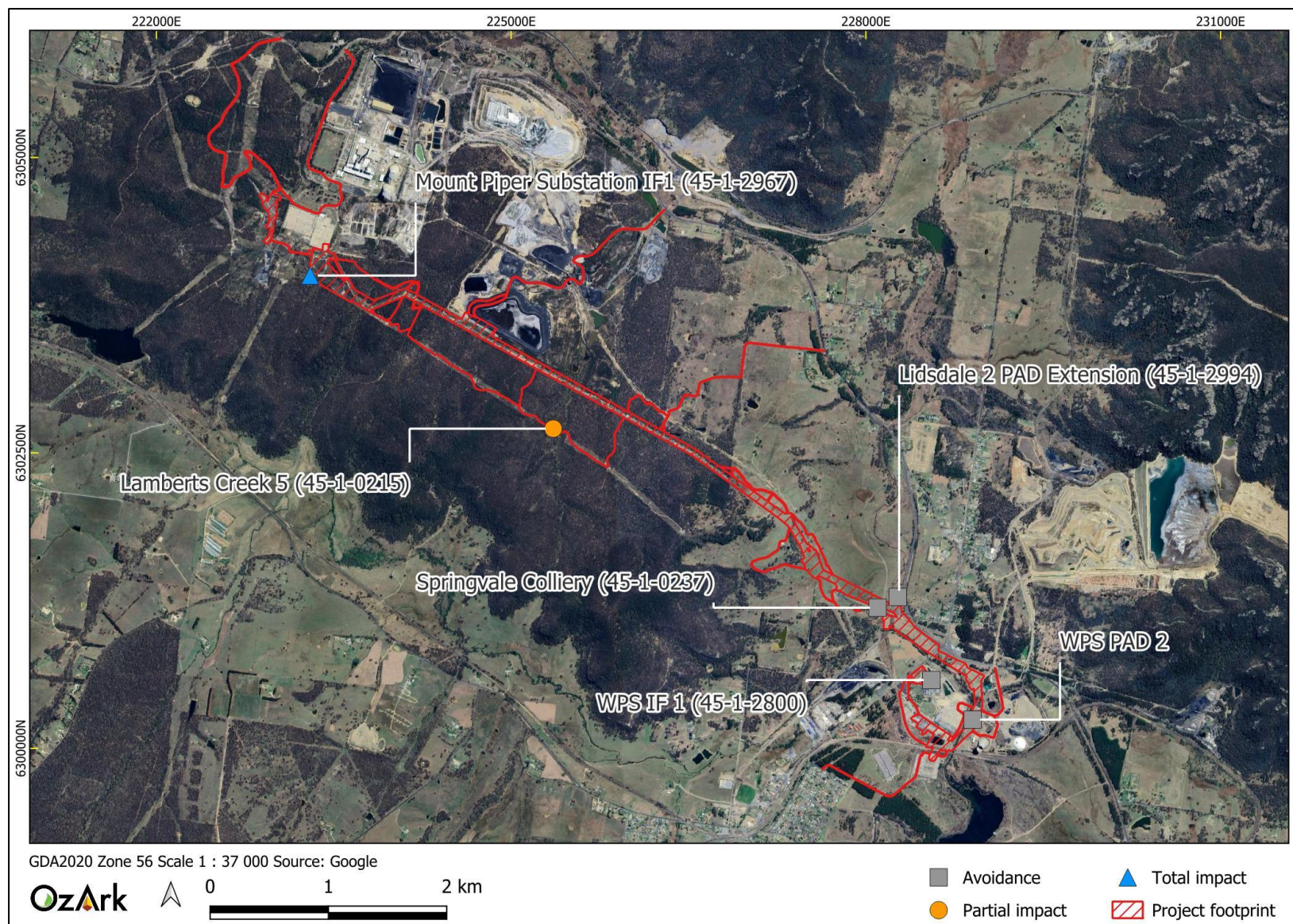


Figure 4-2: Location of Aboriginal sites in relation to proposed infrastructure impacts



5 ABORIGINAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

5.1 OBLIGATION TO PROTECT ALL ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

5.1.1 Obligation to avoid harm

All employees, contractors, sub-contractors, and visitors to the Project have an obligation to avoid harming Aboriginal heritage.

The definition of harm used in this Plan stems from the definition in Section 5 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act). The examples used below are for illustrative purposes and are not exhaustive.

Harm to an Aboriginal object or Aboriginal site includes:

- Moving stone artefacts from their location
- Disturbing the earth where stone artefacts are located, e.g., by earthworks for drains, roads, etc.
- Breaking stone artefacts, e.g., by running over them in a vehicle.
- Cutting down, disturbing or otherwise marking scarred trees.

Trivial or negligible impacts on Aboriginal objects are not regarded as harm. An example of a negligible impact would be picking up an artefact during a site inspection being supervised by a qualified person, provided it is returned to its original location.

5.1.2 Obligation to protect

All personnel, contractors and subcontractors working on the Project have an obligation to protect Aboriginal heritage within their area of work responsibility.

Protection means having accurate information on the location of known Aboriginal heritage objects on all applicable site plans and undertaking active measures to avoid harm to Aboriginal heritage

It should be noted that information relating to the location and extent of Aboriginal heritage items must reflect the recorded extent of the site shown in the AHIMS site card map for that site, the single centralised location of a site is not acceptable unless that site is an isolated find.

5.1.3 Obligation to implement management measures

All employees, contractors and sub-contractors for the Project have a responsibility to ensure that the appropriate Aboriginal heritage management measures have been implemented prior to construction activities commencing.

Once the Project is operational, management measures are required to be maintained throughout the life of the Project.

5.1.4 Obligation to minimise harm to the environment

In meeting the specific environmental performance criteria established under the Infrastructure Approval, Zinfra and Transgrid will implement all reasonable and feasible measures to prevent and/or minimise any material harm to the environment that may result from the construction, operation, upgrading or decommissioning of the Project.

5.2 MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR KNOWN ABORIGINAL SITES

Measures to protect and manage Aboriginal objects within the Project footprint are described below in **Table 5-1** and **5-2** and correspond to Tables 3-1 and 3-2 in Appendix 3 to the Infrastructure Approval.

These measures will be implemented prior to construction, and their efficacy will be monitored during construction and operation.

All Aboriginal heritage sites within the Project footprint and potential archaeological deposit (PAD) sites that extend outside the Project footprint will be clearly marked on construction plans and mapped and recorded in Transgrid's GIS system to avoid impacts.

Table 5-1: Aboriginal heritage items – avoid impacts

AHIMS ID	Site Name	Management categories	Management procedures
45-1-0237	Springvale Colliery	Avoidance of ground disturbance	Section 5.2.2.2
45-1-2800	WPS-IF1	Avoidance of ground disturbance No Go Zone to be implemented	Section 5.2.2.1
Not registered	WPS PAD 2	Avoidance of ground disturbance	Section 5.2.2.3
45-1-2994	Lidsdale 2 PAD Extension	Avoidance of ground disturbance	Section 5.2.2.3

Table 5-2: Aboriginal Heritage Items – management measures for sites within the Project footprint

AHIMS ID	Site Name	Impact	Management categories	Management procedures
45-1-2967	Mount Piper Substation IF1	Total harm	Undertake surface collection prior to construction works	Section 5.2.1
45-1-0215	Lamberts Creek 5	Partial harm	Undertake surface collection within development area, and avoidance of PAD areas outside of the development area	Section 5.2.1 Section 5.2.2.3

5.2.1 Surface collection

Two sites (45-1-2967 and 45-1-0215) will be salvaged through the recording and collection of the surface artefacts, prior to construction works proceeding. For site 45-1-0215, surface collection is permitted within the development area only, as indicated on **Figure 5-3**.

The methodology for the salvage would include the following steps:

1. The visible artefacts will be flagged in the field
2. The site will be photographed after flagging and before recording
3. The following artefact information will be recorded for each artefact:
 - Location
 - Artefact class
 - Artefact type
 - Size
 - Reduction level
 - Raw material
 - Notes.
4. A selection of artefacts, particularly any formal tool types, will be photographed.
5. The artefacts will be stored securely in an OzArk managed location.
6. The recovered artefacts will be managed as per the finalised process for long-term management of salvaged Aboriginal objects (**Section 5.6**).
7. A salvage report will be completed within 12 months of the salvage to record the results of the salvage
8. Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Forms (ASIRFs) will be submitted by the archaeologist to the AHIMS database detailing the salvage process at each site within four months.

5.2.2 Avoidance of ground disturbance

5.2.2.1 45-1-2800

One isolated find site (45-1-2800) within the Project footprint but will be avoided by avoiding ground disturbing works. Site 45-1-2800 is marked by a star picket and the object itself could not be located in the field. The site will be marked as a No Go Zone and a 5 m buffer area around the GPS location of the site will be fenced during the construction phase, as shown on **Figure 5-1**.

The site will be clearly marked on construction documents and all sites that will remain within the Project footprint will be recorded on Transgrid Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to reduce

the risk of inadvertent impacts to the site during the construction and operational phase of the Project.

Figure 5-1: Proposed fencing alignment at site 45-1-2800



5.2.2.2 45-1-0237

The central deposit at 45-1-0237 is shown as the yellow area on **Figure 5-2**. Ground disturbance will be avoided by establishing a fenced No Go Zone to ensure that the site will not be impacted by the Project. The fenced exclusion zone includes a 10 m buffer area around the site extent and would follow the alignment indicated on **Figure 5-2**.

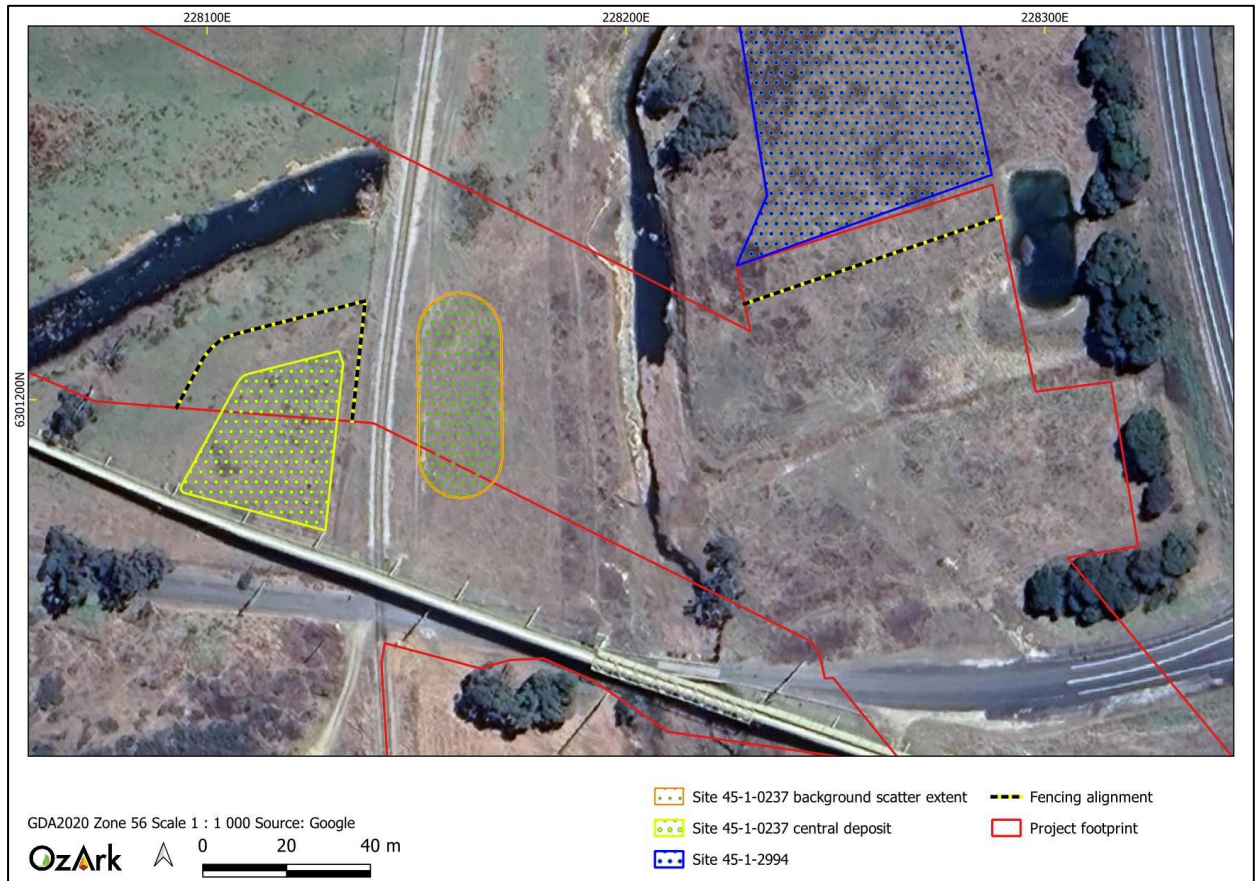
During transmission line stringing, ground disturbance to the background scatter extent associated with the site 45-1-0237 will be avoided, shown as the orange area on **Figure 5-2**. The background scatter extent is within a locked paddock that will only be accessed by personnel authorised by the Site Supervisor during transmission line stringing activities and further fencing during the construction phase is not required.

The proposed works at this location can be completed following a methodology that does not involve disturbance of the ground surface. This would include placing solid plastic bog mats across the work area to distribute the weight of vehicles across the ground surface within the area, if vehicle access is required.

If repeated access to the background scatter location is required during the construction phase, then the extent will be demarcated by fencing if/when not covered by bog mats as per the fencing for the main 45-1-0237 extent on **Figure 5-2**.

The Amendment Report for the Project made several changes to the proposed management of this site, including removing an area of this PAD from the Project footprint and determining that the proposed access track through the site will no longer be constructed.

Figure 5-2: Site 45-1-0237 and 45-1-2994 fencing alignments



5.2.2.3 PADs

All PADs will be avoided by establishing exclusion zones along the Project footprint boundary, as follows:

Site 45-1-0215

There is PAD associated with site 45-1-0215, but these PAD areas are outside the Project footprint and can be protected from harm.

Although there will be surface salvage of artefacts on the existing track through site 45-1-0215, there will be no ground-disturbing impacts over the PAD areas associated with it (either side), which are outside the Project footprint.

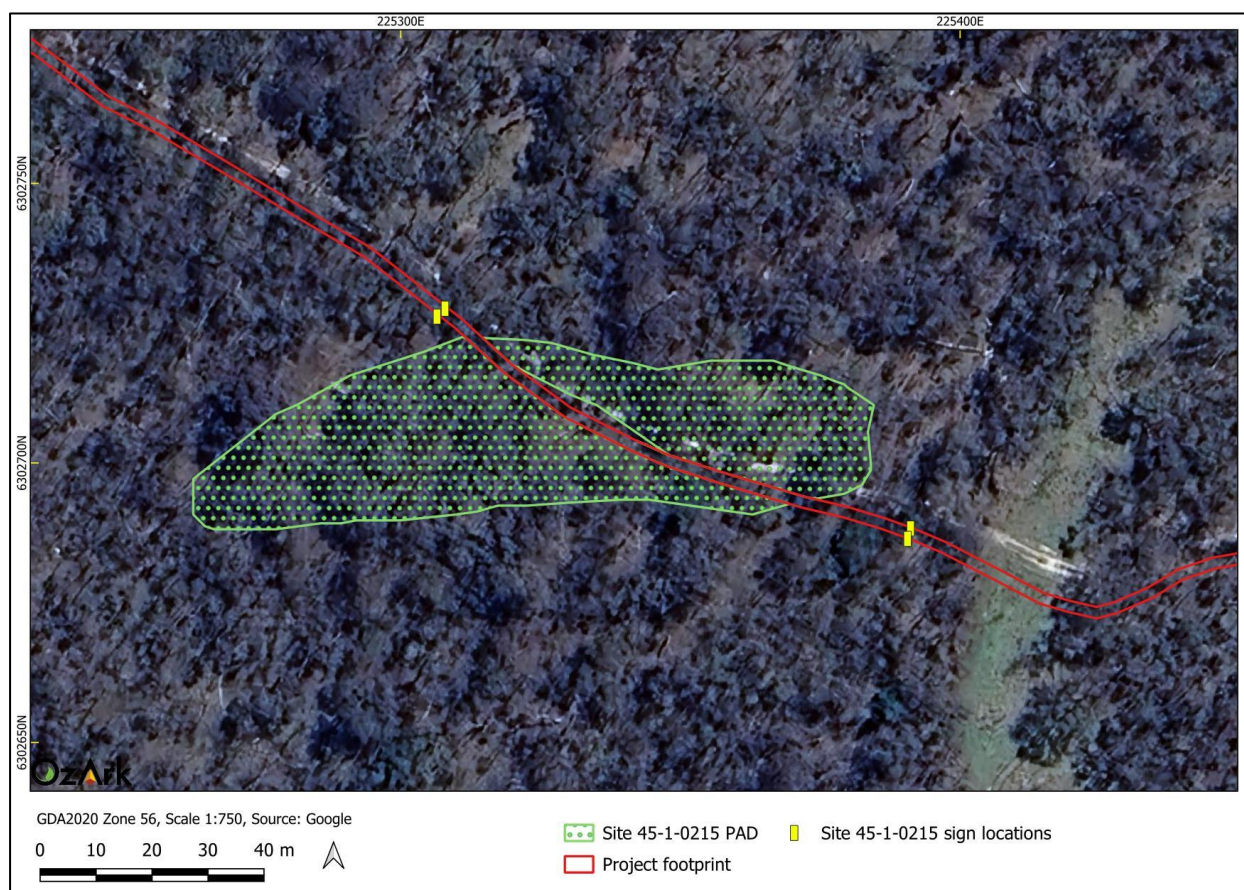
Although outside the Project footprint, avoidance of harm to these PAD areas on either side of the track during the construction and operation of the Project will be pursued through demarcation of the PAD area to reduce the risk of inadvertent ground disturbance.

During construction, the edge of the Project footprint will be demarcated using non-ground disturbing fencing.

To demarcate the PAD during operation, four signs will be installed (one on each side of the road, facing west at the western edge and facing east at the eastern edge) to inform users of the track to remain on the established track for the 50 m stretch of track that bisects the PAD area. The layout of the signs is shown on **Figure 5-3**.

The protected PAD areas of site 45-1-0215 beyond the track will be clearly marked on construction documents and the Transgrid GIS to reduce the risk of inadvertent impacts to the PAD parts of the site during the construction and operation of the Project.

Figure 5-3: Indicative sign locations at site 45-1-0215



WPS PAD 2

The works at the location of WPS PAD 2 entail line-stringing, and non-ground disturbing vegetation management. The proponent will employ a vegetation management methodology that will not disturb the ground surface (i.e. trimming trees to ground level and not removing tree stumps) and use imported fill or mats if using vehicles within the WPS PAD 2 boundary.

If ground-disturbing construction impacts were anticipated within 20 m of the WPS PAD 2 boundary, temporary fencing would be required to minimise the risk of inadvertent disturbance within the PAD area. The fencing alignment, if required, would be as per **Figure 5-4**.

WPS PAD 2 will be clearly marked on construction documents and on Transgrid's GIS to reduce the risk of inadvertent impacts to the site during the construction and operational phase of the Project.

Site 45-1-2994

Following a change to the Project footprint, as described in the Amendment Report, the PAD area at site 45-1-2994 now falls outside of the Project footprint and will not be accessed during construction. The perimeter of the Project footprint with a 10 m buffer will be fenced during construction to reduce the risk of inadvertent access to the site and the PAD area will be recorded on Transgrid's GIS. The fencing alignment is shown on **Figure 5-2**.

Figure 5-4: Fencing alignment at WPS PAD 2



5.2.3 Fencing and condition monitoring details

5.2.3.1 Fencing

- Fencing specified in **Section 5.2.2** will be star pickets with high-visibility flagging (nightline).
- Fencing will allow for at least a 10 m buffer area between the fence and the site or PAD boundary, as shown in the fencing figures.
- Fencing will be installed prior to the commencement of construction under the supervision of the archaeologist.

- If temporary or non-ground disturbing fencing is required under any trigger in this plan (i.e., PADs that cannot be buffered or an unanticipated find), non-ground disturbing fencing (e.g. RapidMesh) will be used to demarcate the specified area.

5.2.3.2 *Signage*

Signage denoting the PAD area at site 45-1-0215 should read:

Registered Aboriginal cultural heritage site

Vehicles to remain on the track for 65 metres

The end of the exclusion area is marked by two star pickets

Signage at the other sites and PADs should read:

Aboriginal cultural heritage site

No unauthorised entry

Contact <<Construction Manager on UHF CH or 04...>>

Minor alteration to the text of the signs is permissible.

5.3 MONITORING PROGRAM

In accordance with Condition B27(e) and Revised Environmental Mitigation Measure H2, Zinfra has developed a program to monitor the effectiveness of management measures and any Aboriginal cultural heritage impacts of the Project which is described below.

5.3.1 Exclusion zone monitoring

Once fencing has been established at the locations specified in the Plan and following the commencement of construction in the vicinity of an exclusion zone, the Zinfra Environmental Business Partner or an appropriately qualified delegate will visit each location weekly when any construction works are being performed near the site, recording:

- The condition of the installed fencing
- Effectiveness of any deployed bog mats
- Any visible disturbances to the excluded area
- Opportunities for improvement

For the purposes of this section, an appropriately qualified delegate is a person who has:

- completed the Project's Aboriginal cultural heritage induction;
- received task-specific instruction from the Environmental Business Partner or Project archaeologist on the locations, boundaries and management requirements of the relevant Aboriginal heritage sites and exclusion zones;

- competency in identifying damage to fencing and signage, ineffective or displaced bog mats, unauthorised access and visible ground disturbance; and
- sufficient environmental inspection or Aboriginal cultural heritage management experience to undertake and document the inspection.

The delegate must undertake the inspection using the approved exclusion-zone inspection checklist and must immediately refer any actual or suspected disturbance to an Aboriginal heritage site or PAD, uncertainty regarding site condition, or concern regarding the effectiveness of a management measure to the Zinfra Environmental Business Partner. The delegate is not authorised to undertake archaeological assessment or determine whether an Aboriginal object or site has been harmed.

A register will be established by the Zinfra Environmental Business Partner to document the completed inspections.

If any disturbances to the excluded area or concerns about the efficacy of the fence (e.g. fencing that has been removed or damaged) are identified, then this will be reported to the Zinfra Project Manager, who would instigate a site condition monitoring inspection as below.

5.3.2 Site condition monitoring

Site condition monitoring is to assess the condition of the Aboriginal sites and PADs identified to be avoided (**Table 5-1**) on a periodic basis. The sites will be visited at the start of the construction phase by an archaeologist and representatives of the RAPs for the installation of the fencing and/or the completion of salvage activities. The baseline condition of the sites can be recorded at this time. The initial inspection will establish the general condition of the site and PAD, noting:

- Whether artefacts are observable (if applicable)
- Ground surface visibility
- Existing levels of disturbance (e.g. erosion)

Following the initial inspection, the condition of the sites to be avoided in **Table 5-1** will be monitored six-monthly by an archaeologist and a representative of the RAPs, or at the conclusion of the construction phase (if completed in the relevant area within six months). This site condition monitoring would also be undertaken if concerns about the efficacy of the exclusion zones are raised during inspections undertaken by Zinfra.

Within 10 business days of conducting site condition monitoring, the archaeologist will produce a monitoring report which will include findings of the inspection, and corrective actions required in response to deterioration identified during monitoring, including indicative timeframes for the implementation of corrective actions.

5.4 UNEXPECTED FINDS PROTOCOL

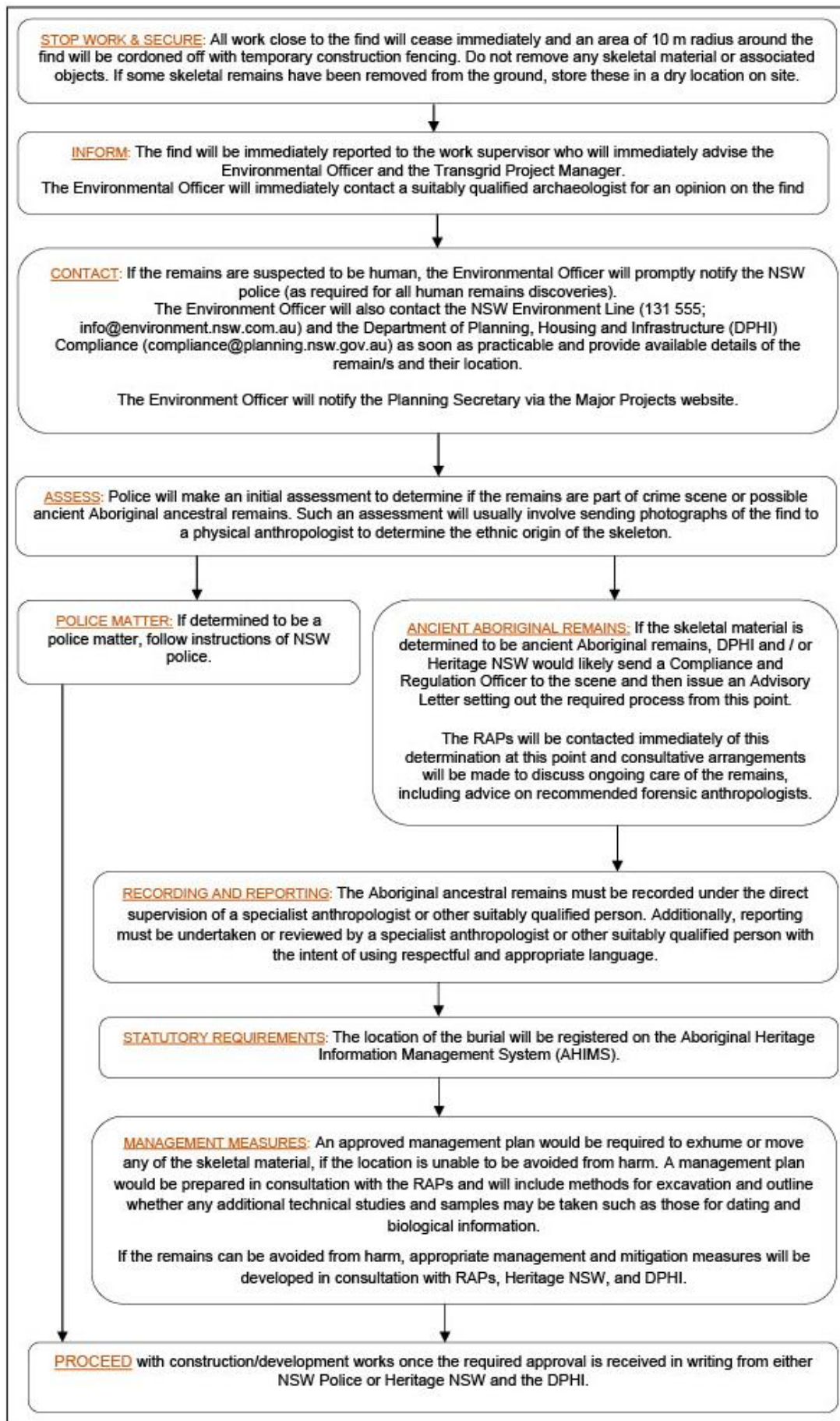
This protocol has been developed in accordance with the guidelines and standards specified by Heritage NSW and is to be followed if previously unrecorded or unanticipated Aboriginal object(s) are encountered:

1. If any Aboriginal object is discovered and/or harmed in, or under the land, while undertaking the proposed development activities, the proponent must:
 - a. Not further harm the object
 - b. Immediately cease all work at the location
 - c. Secure the area to avoid further harm to the Aboriginal object
 - d. Ensure Zinfra Project Manager, Environmental Business Partner and Transgrid Project Manager have been notified
 - e. Engage a heritage specialist to assess the find with a representative of the RAPs and determine if it is an Aboriginal object.
 - f. Zinfra Environmental Business Partner to notify Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 (heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au) and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) Compliance (compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au), providing any details of the Aboriginal object and its location within 2 business hours of becoming aware of the find;
 - i. Where the find occurs in Gardens of Stone SCA, NPWS will also be notified by Zinfra's Environmental Business Partner within 2 business hours of becoming aware of the find.
 - g. Register newly identified Aboriginal objects or sites in the AHIMS database; and
 - h. Not recommence any work at the particular location unless authorised in writing by Heritage NSW.
2. Cooperate with the appropriate authorities and relevant Aboriginal community representatives to facilitate:
 - a. The recording and assessment of the find(s)
 - b. The fulfilment of any legal constraints arising from the find(s), including complying with Heritage NSW directions
 - c. Notification of the RAPs regarding the find and any actions taken under the Plan.
 - d. The development and implementation of appropriate management strategies, including consultation with stakeholders and the assessment of the significance of the find(s). Depending on the nature of the find, the salvage methodologies presented in **Section 5.2.1** could be enacted.
3. Where the find(s) are determined to be Aboriginal object(s), recommencement of work in the area of the find(s) can only occur once the procedures outlined in this Plan have been completed.

5.5 UNANTICIPATED SKELETAL REMAINS PROTOCOL

A flow-chart outlining the protocol to be followed in event suspected human skeletal remains are identified is shown on **Figure 5-5**.

Figure 5-5: Human skeletal remains procedure



5.6 LONG TERM MANAGEMENT OF SALVAGED ABORIGINAL OBJECTS

If a care agreement for the transfer of Aboriginal objects salvaged under this Plan is not sought, reburial of the objects on Country is an appropriate option. It was the preference of the RAPs present that reburial be completed without storage of the objects in plastic receptacles (boxes, bags). The other elements of Requirement 26 of the Code of Practice were acceptable.

A suitable location for reburial will be determined during the surface salvage program (**Section 5.2.1**) by RAP representatives, Zinfra representatives and an archaeologist. The reburial location would be registered by the archaeologist as a new AHIMS site.

5.7 OTHER MEASURES

5.7.1 Performance measures

Zinfra and Transgrid will manage development-related risks to ensure that the criteria and performance measures are met, in accordance with Condition A1.

1. That this Plan is used and adhered to in relation to the protection and management of Aboriginal heritage
2. That all reasonable care is taken to ensure the conservation of all known Aboriginal heritage within the Project area
3. That all new discoveries of Aboriginal cultural heritage are appropriately managed
4. That all applicable plans show the location of known Aboriginal cultural heritage objects so that harm to the objects is prevented
5. That consultation is continued with the RAPs
6. That all workers and contractors engaged in works within the Project are aware of the legislative requirement to conserve known Aboriginal cultural heritage objects
7. That Transgrid undertake consultation with the RAPs both in terms of assessing the significance of any new discoveries of Aboriginal objects and concerning any incident or update to this Plan.

Should any of these performance measures fail, Zinfra and Transgrid will, at the earliest opportunity, will:

1. Take all reasonable and feasible measures to ensure that the exceedance ceases and does not recur.
2. Consider all reasonable and feasible options for remediation (where relevant) and submit a report to DPHI within 7 days of identifying the failure, describing those options and any preferred remediation measures or another course of action

3. Implement remediation measures as directed by the Planning Secretary, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary.

5.7.2 Aboriginal cultural heritage awareness training

All employees, contractors, sub-contractors and visitors to the Project area will be made aware of the obligation to avoid harm to Aboriginal heritage through an Aboriginal heritage component of a general site induction prior to them commencing work on the Project. The induction will include notifying workers of any Aboriginal heritage objects in proximity to their work areas.

The induction will include the following points expressed in plain language:

- The Project is located on Wiradjuri Country
- Aboriginal sites occur across the Project footprint
- Aboriginal sites are of great significance to the Aboriginal community, are important to the wider community and must be treated with respect
- Aboriginal artefacts may be within topsoil and not readily visible. The apparent absence of a site does not mean it is no longer in existence
- Aboriginal sites are protected by law. Should any sites not permitted to be impacted by the Plan be impacted by the Project, relevant fines for non-compliance may be issued
- Protocols to be followed for unanticipated finds or skeletal remains.
- Some standard work methodologies have been adapted to mitigate risk of harm to Aboriginal objects (e.g. use of bog mats while stringing at site 45-1-0237, see **Section 5.2.2.2**).

Opportunities for induction material to be prepared and delivered in consultation with the RAPs for the Project will be explored by Zinfra.

A record will be kept of all personnel who have completed the general site induction.

5.7.3 Access to Aboriginal objects

As Aboriginal objects salvaged under this Plan may remain on site, albeit buried, (refer **Section 5.6**) Zinfra will provide access for RAPs to the location, subject to reasonable safety and security measures if required. These measures may include the location of hazardous areas and the availability of site personnel to enable safe access to relevant areas.

Any request to visit the site is to be made to Transgrid at least two weeks before the proposed visit to allow for adequate response time.

5.8 MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Table 5-3 summarises the Aboriginal cultural heritage management measures required to manage impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage values as a result of the construction of the Project.

Table 5-3: Management measures

ID	Measure/requirement	When to implement	Responsibility	Source	Evidence
ACH-01	Undertake surface salvage of sites 45-1-2967 (Mount Piper Substation IF1) and 45-1-0215 (Lamberts Creek 5) prior to construction works proceeding, with collection at 45-1-0215 permitted within the development area only. Apply the defined methodology: (1) flag visible artefacts in the field; (2) photograph the site after flagging and before recording; (3) record location, artefact class, artefact type, size, reduction level, raw material and notes for each artefact; (4) photograph a selection of artefacts, particularly any formal tool types; (5) store artefacts securely in an OzArk managed location; (6) manage recovered artefacts per the finalised long-term management process; (7) complete a salvage report within 12 months of the salvage to record the results; and (8) submit Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Forms (ASIRFs) to the AHIMS database detailing the salvage process at each site within four months.	Pre-construction	Archaeologist; Zinfra Project Manager; RAP representatives	ACHMP s5.2.1; s6.1.1; s6.1.2 (methodology elaborates REMM H3 / CoA B27(c)(i))	• Salvage report • Artefact catalogue • Site and artefact photographs • ASIRF lodgement confirmation • Archaeologist and RAP attendance records • Artefact chain-of-custody record • Salvage extent plan for 45-1-0215
ACH-02	Establish a fenced No Go Zone with a 5 m buffer area around the GPS location of site 45-1-2800 (WPS-IF1) during the construction phase, along the alignment shown in Figure 5-1, noting the site is marked by a star picket and the object itself could not be located in the field.	Pre-construction; Construction	Zinfra Environmental Business Partner; archaeologist	ACHMP s5.2.2.1; Figure 5-1	• Photographs
ACH-03	Avoid ground disturbance within the central deposit at site 45-1-0237 (Springvale Colliery) by establishing a fenced No Go Zone incorporating a 10 m buffer area around the site extent, following the alignment shown in Figure 5-2. During transmission line stringing, avoid ground disturbance to the background scatter extent associated with the site, which sits within a locked paddock to be accessed only by personnel authorised by the Site Supervisor. Complete the proposed works using a methodology that does not involve disturbance of the ground surface, including placing solid plastic bog mats across the work area to distribute the weight of vehicles across the ground surface where vehicle access is required. Where repeated access to the background scatter location is required during the construction phase, demarcate the extent by fencing if or when it is not covered by bog mats.	Pre-construction; Construction	Zinfra Environmental Business Partner; Site Supervisor; Construction Manager	ACHMP s5.2.2.2; Figure 5-2 (elaborates REMM H2)	• Photographs • Stringing EWMS (non-ground-disturbing method) • Weekly inspection records
ACH-04	Avoid all PADs by establishing exclusion zones along the Project footprint boundary, applying site-specific controls: (a) Site 45-1-0215 - undertake no ground-disturbing impacts over the PAD areas either side of the track, demarcate the edge of the Project footprint during construction using non-ground disturbing	Pre-construction; Construction; Operations	Zinfra Environmental Business Partner; Construction	ACHMP s5.2.2.3; Figures 5-2, 5-3 and 5-4 (elaborates REMM H2)	• Photographs • Sign install record/ photographs

ID	Measure/requirement	When to implement	Responsibility	Source	Evidence
	fencing, and install four signs during operation (one on each side of the road, facing west at the western edge and facing east at the eastern edge) to inform track users to remain on the established track for the 50 m stretch that bisects the PAD area; (b) WPS PAD 2 - employ a vegetation management methodology that will not disturb the ground surface (trimming trees to ground level and not removing tree stumps) and use imported fill or mats where vehicles are used within the boundary, with temporary fencing installed per Figure 5-4 if ground-disturbing construction impacts are anticipated within 20 m of the boundary; and (c) Site 45-1-2994 - fence the perimeter of the Project footprint with a 10 m buffer during construction to reduce the risk of inadvertent access, noting the PAD area is outside the Project footprint and will not be accessed during construction. Clearly mark all protected PAD areas on construction documents and the Transgrid GIS.		Manager; archaeologist		WPS PAD 2 vegetation management methodology
ACH-05	Construct all specified fencing from star pickets with high-visibility flagging (nightline), allowing for at least a 10 m buffer area between the fence and the site or PAD boundary as shown in the fencing figures. Where temporary or non-ground disturbing fencing is required under any trigger in the Plan (i.e. PADs that cannot be buffered, or an unanticipated find), use non-ground disturbing fencing such as RapidMesh to demarcate the specified area.	Pre-construction; Construction	Zinfra Environmental Business Partner	ACHMP s5.2.3.1	- Photographs - Weekly inspection records
ACH-06	Install signage with the indicative wording. At site 45-1-0215 the PAD signage is to read: 'Registered Aboriginal cultural heritage site / Vehicles to remain on the track for 65 metres / The end of the exclusion area is marked by two star pickets'. Signage at all other sites and PADs is to read: 'Aboriginal cultural heritage site / No unauthorised entry / Contact <<Construction Manager on UHF CH or 04...>>'. Minor alteration to the text of the signs is permissible.	Pre-construction; Construction	Zinfra Environmental Business Partner; Construction Manager	ACHMP s5.2.3.2	- Photographs - Weekly inspection records
ACH-07	Undertake exclusion zone monitoring once fencing has been established at the locations specified in the Plan. During construction, the Zinfra Environmental Business Partner, or an appropriately qualified delegate meeting the competency requirements specified in Section 5.3.1, will visit each location weekly when any construction works are being performed on the site, recording the condition of the installed fencing, the effectiveness of any deployed bog mats, any visible disturbances to the excluded area, and opportunities for improvement. Establish a register to document the completed inspections. Report any disturbances to the excluded area or concerns about the efficacy of the fence (e.g. fencing that has been removed or damaged) to the Zinfra Project Manager, who will instigate a site condition monitoring inspection.	Construction	Zinfra Environmental Business Partner; Zinfra Project Manager	ACHMP s5.3.1 (monitoring program under CoA B27(e) / REMM H2)	- Weekly inspection records - Photographs - Escalation records to Project Manager - Corrective action close-out records
ACH-08	Undertake site condition monitoring to assess the condition of the Aboriginal sites and PADs identified to be avoided. Visit the sites at the start of the construction phase with an archaeologist and representatives of the RAPs for the installation of fencing and/or completion of salvage activities, recording the baseline condition at this time including whether artefacts are observable, ground surface visibility, and existing levels of disturbance (e.g. erosion). Following the initial inspection, monitor the condition of the sites to be avoided six-monthly by an archaeologist and a representative of the RAPs, or at the conclusion of the construction phase where completed in the relevant area within six months. Also undertake this site condition monitoring where concerns about the efficacy of the	Pre-construction; Construction	Archaeologist; RAP representatives; Zinfra Environmental Business Partner	ACHMP s5.3.2	- Baseline condition record and photographs - Six-monthly monitoring reports - Archaeologist and RAP attendance records

ID	Measure/requirement	When to implement	Responsibility	Source	Evidence
	exclusion zones are raised during inspections undertaken by Zinfra and produce a monitoring report within 10 business days of conducting the monitoring.				• RAP invitation correspondence • Inspection/monitoring records
ACH-09	Implement the Unexpected Finds Protocol, developed in accordance with the guidelines and standards specified by Heritage NSW, where previously unrecorded or unanticipated Aboriginal objects are encountered: do not further harm the object; immediately cease all work at the location; secure the area to avoid further harm; ensure the Zinfra Project Manager, Environmental Business Partner and Transgrid Project Manager have been notified; engage a heritage specialist to assess the find with a representative of the RAPs and determine if it is an Aboriginal object; notify Heritage NSW and DPHI Compliance providing details of the object and its location (and NPWS where the find occurs in Gardens of Stone SCA); register newly identified Aboriginal objects or sites in the AHIMS database; and do not recommence any work at that location unless authorised in writing by Heritage NSW. Cooperate with the appropriate authorities and relevant Aboriginal community representatives to facilitate the recording and assessment of the find, the fulfilment of any legal constraints including complying with Heritage NSW directions, notification of the RAPs regarding the find and any actions taken, and the development and implementation of appropriate management strategies including consultation with stakeholders and assessment of significance (which may include enacting the salvage methodology). Follow the flow-chart protocol at Figure 5-5 in the event suspected human skeletal remains are identified.	Construction	Zinfra Project Manager; Environmental Business Partner; Transgrid Project Manager; heritage specialist; RAPs	ACHMP s5.4; s5.5; Figure 5-5 (elaborates REMM H1 / CoA B25(e), B27(d))	• Unexpected find record and photographs • Internal notification records • Heritage specialist assessment report • RAP attendance at assessment • Heritage NSW, DPHI (NPWS if SCA) notification records • AHIMS registration confirmation • Written Heritage NSW authorisation to recommence • OMNIA incident entry • Skeletal remains: Police / Coroner notification records
ACH-10	Pursue a care agreement with Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation to allow for the housing and display of salvaged Aboriginal objects at their office in Lithgow (1b Ordinance Avenue), reflecting the preference expressed by RAP organisations at the 1 July 2026 meeting for curation rather than reburial. Where a care agreement for the transfer of salvaged objects is not sought, rebury the objects on Country without storage in plastic receptacles (boxes, bags), with the other elements of Requirement 26 of the Code of Practice applied. Determine a suitable location for reburial during the surface salvage program with RAP representatives, Zinfra representatives, Transgrid representatives and a suitably qualified archaeologist, and have the archaeologist register the reburial location as a new AHIMS site.	Pre-construction; Construction	Zinfra Project Manager; archaeologist; RAP representatives; Transgrid	ACHMP s3.3.3; s5.6 (commitment developed through RAP consultation)	• Executed care agreement, or correspondence showing it was pursued • Reburial location selection record (signed by all parties) • Reburial methodology record (Requirement 26; no plastic) • Photographs • AHIMS registration of reburial location

ID	Measure/requirement	When to implement	Responsibility	Source	Evidence
ACH-11	Provide access for RAPs to the location of salvaged Aboriginal objects that remain on site, albeit buried, subject to reasonable safety and security measures if required. These measures may include identification of the location of hazardous areas and the availability of site personnel to enable safe access to relevant areas. Any request to visit the site is to be made to Transgrid at least two weeks before the proposed visit to allow for adequate response time.	Construction; Operations	Zinfra; Transgrid	ACHMP s5.7.3	• Site access request register • Correspondence confirming access arrangements • Site visit attendance and briefing records • Record of safety / security measures applied
ACH-12	Continue to consult with the identified RAPs, including but not limited to: notification of new discoveries of Aboriginal objects; notification of new discoveries of Aboriginal skeletal material; review of the Plan and any modifications to the Infrastructure Approval in accordance with requirements established by the regulatory authorities; any archaeological salvage program; significant changes to the Project that may have implications for Aboriginal heritage management (defined as anything that would require revision of the Plan, i.e. an Aboriginal site moving from an avoidance management strategy to one where salvage is required); opportunities for RAPs to participate in employment, training and supply of goods and services; and long-term artefact management. Communicate with RAPs annually for Project updates and general consultation, allowing for regular and inclusive engagement so ideas, aspirations and concerns can be raised, with Zinfra undertaking annual updates during construction and Transgrid responsible for these updates during operation.	Pre-construction; Construction; Operations	Zinfra Project Manager; Zinfra Project Engagement Lead; Transgrid	ACHMP s3.3.1 (elaborates CoA B27(c)(iv) / REMM H1)	• RAP consultation register/ report • Notification correspondence • Annual update correspondence and meeting minutes • Records of employment / training / procurement opportunities offered • Zinfra to Transgrid handover record
ACH-13	Document any issues raised by RAPs during construction (by Zinfra) and during operation (by Transgrid). During the construction phase, Zinfra will manage correspondence and maintain a complaint register including complaints from RAPs, and a RAP consultation register, documenting issues raised and actions taken in response. Acknowledge complaints from RAPs to the complainant within 24 hours, and provide the RAP with further communication after 48 hours which will either resolve the complaint or provide a timeframe for resolution. Respond to non-complaint correspondence received from RAPs within 5 days, where practicable.	Construction; Operations	Zinfra (construction); Transgrid (operation)	ACHMP s3.3.2	• Complaint register and RAP consultation register/ report • Records of 24-hour acknowledgements • Records of 48-hour follow-up correspondence • Records of 5-day responses • Exception records where 5 days not practicable
ACH-14	Make all employees, contractors, sub-contractors and visitors to the Project area aware of the obligation to avoid harm to Aboriginal heritage through an Aboriginal heritage component of a general site induction prior to commencing work, notifying workers of any Aboriginal heritage objects in proximity to their work areas. Express the following in plain language: the Project is located on Wiradjuri Country; Aboriginal sites occur across the Project footprint; Aboriginal sites are of	Pre-construction; Construction	Zinfra Environmental Business Partner; Zinfra Project Manager; RAPs	ACHMP s5.7.2; s3.3 Table 3-1 (RAP-proposed role in induction delivery)	• Induction materials • Induction attendance register • Induction material version control

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	great significance to the Aboriginal community, are important to the wider community and must be treated with respect; Aboriginal artefacts may be within topsoil and not readily visible, and the apparent absence of a site does not mean it is no longer in existence; Aboriginal sites are protected by law and relevant fines for non-compliance may be issued should any site not permitted to be impacted be impacted; protocols to be followed for unanticipated finds or skeletal remains; and that some standard work methodologies have been adapted to mitigate risk of harm to Aboriginal objects (e.g. use of bog mats while stringing at site 45-1-0237). Explore opportunities for induction material to be prepared and delivered in consultation with the RAPs. Keep a record of all personnel who have completed the general site induction.				
ACH-15	Establish and maintain a database of recorded Aboriginal archaeological sites relevant to the Plan to ensure the location and management requirements for Aboriginal archaeological sites are understood and considered in the assessment and planning of ground disturbance. Supplement and review the database as required to include new sites, update the status of salvaged sites, and reflect the outcomes of any additional archaeological investigations. Check the database prior to the issuing of any on-site approval for ground disturbance works, and hand the database established prior to the construction phase over to Transgrid for use during operations. Note that management and update of this database does not preclude obligations to search the AHIMS register and maintain AHIMS site card registrations when needed.	Pre-construction; Construction; Operations	Zinfra; Transgrid	ACHMP s6.2.1	• Sites database with version / change history • Ground disturbance permits showing database check • Zinfra to Transgrid database handover record • AHIMS search certificates and site card confirmations
ACH-16	Prepare a salvage report by the archaeologist completing any salvage activity on the Project, documenting its results in accordance with the Code of Practice and completed within 12 months of any salvage activity. Following the salvage of sites listed in the Infrastructure Approval, or in the event a previously unrecorded site is impacted (following approval from the Planning Secretary, Heritage NSW and the RAPs), make a record of the salvage process including a salvage report and updating the AHIMS site card using an ASIRF, with details of the permanent keeping place for salvaged objects included in both the salvage report and the AHIMS site card update. Keep copies of all heritage records for the Project with Transgrid, including the Plan, a copy of the SSI Infrastructure Approval, maps showing heritage site locations, archaeological reports produced for the Project, and all applicable Aboriginal site AHIMS and ASIRF cards.	Construction; Post-construction	Archaeologist; Transgrid	ACHMP s6.1.1; s6.1.2; s6.4	• Salvage report naming keeping place • AHIMS site card update and ASIRF confirmations • Written approvals where an unrecorded site is impacted • Transgrid heritage records)
ACH-17	Manage development-related risks to ensure the criteria and performance measures are met: that the Plan is used and adhered to in relation to the protection and management of heritage sites and values; that all reasonable care is taken to ensure conservation of all known heritage within the Project area; that all new discoveries of cultural heritage are appropriately managed; that all applicable plans show the location of known heritage objects so that harm is prevented; that all workers and contractors engaged in works are aware of the legislative requirement to avoid harm to heritage items and values; and that consultation is continued with the RAPs, including consultation on assessing the significance of any new discoveries of Aboriginal objects and concerning any	Construction; Operations	Zinfra Project Manager; Transgrid	ACHMP s5.7.1; HHMP s5.4.4 (performance measures under CoA A1)	• Performance measure assessment records • Inspection and monitoring registers • Construction plans and GIS extracts • Induction attendance registers

ID	Measure/requirement	When to implement	Responsibility	Source	Evidence
	incident or update to the Plan. Should any performance measure fail, at the earliest opportunity take all reasonable and feasible measures to ensure the exceedance ceases and does not recur; consider all reasonable and feasible options for remediation and submit a report to DPHI describing those options and any preferred remediation measures or other course of action; and implement remediation measures as directed by the Planning Secretary. [Shared commitment - also in HHMP tab]				• RAP consultation register/ report • On failure: remediation options report to DPHI • On failure: evidence of remediation as directed • Independent Environmental Audit reports and responses
ACH-18	Report all incidents immediately to Transgrid and enter them into OMNIA (Zinfra's Risk and Compliance Management System) within 24 hours to ensure actions are tracked and completed within the required timeframes. Notify the Heritage Council of NSW within 24 hours where construction activities result in actual or potential damage to a heritage structure, and notify Lithgow City Council where a noise or vibration related complaint is received. Initiate an investigation promptly following any reported incident, with the scope and depth dependent on the severity and potential impact, following the ICAM (Incident Causation Analysis Method) in alignment with Transgrid's investigation requirements, and including determination of the cause, extent and responsibility; additional monitoring where appropriate; identification and implementation of corrective actions to prevent recurrence; assignment of responsibility for carrying out corrective measures; review and update of controls and procedures as needed; and notification of relevant stakeholders including regulatory authorities. [Shared commitment - also in HHMP and CNVMP tabs]	Construction	Zinfra Project Manager; Environmental Business Partner; Transgrid	ACHMP s6.2.2; HHMP s6.1.2; CNVMP s8.2, s8.4, s8.5 (elaborates CoA C16, C17)	• OMNIA entry • Portal incident notification • Incident report • ICAM investigation report • Corrective action register with verified close-out • Regulator notifications • Non-compliance notification • Additional monitoring records

6 RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

6.1 RECORD KEEPING

6.1.1 Salvage records

Following the salvage of sites listed in the Infrastructure Approval or in event that a previously unrecorded site is impacted (following approval from the Planning Secretary, HNSW and the RAPs) then a record of the salvage process must be made by the archaeologist. This will include a salvage report and updating the AHIMS site card using an ASIRF. Details of the permanent keeping place for objects salvaged must be included in the salvage report and AHIMS site card update. Further conditions relating to the salvage of a site may be part of the approval and will be followed accordingly.

6.1.2 Salvage reports

A salvage report will be prepared by the archaeologist completing any salvage activity on the Project, documenting its results in accordance with the Code of Practice. The salvage report must be completed within 12 months of any salvage activity.

6.2 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

6.2.1 Establishment of an Aboriginal archaeological sites database

To ensure that the location and management requirements for Aboriginal archaeological sites are understood and considered in the assessment and planning of ground disturbance, the Zinfra Environmental Business Partner will establish and maintain a database of recorded Aboriginal archaeological sites relevant to this Plan, as outlined in **Table 4-1**.

This database will be supplemented and reviewed as required by the Zinfra Environmental Business Partner to include new sites, update the status of salvaged sites, and reflect the outcomes of any additional archaeological investigations. The database must be checked prior to the issuing of any on-site approval for ground disturbance works. The database established prior to the construction phase would then be handed over to Transgrid for use during operations.

The management and update of this database does not preclude obligations to search the AHIMS register and maintain AHIMS site card registrations when needed.

6.2.2 Incidents and non-compliances

6.2.2.1 *Incident management*

<mailto:npws.kanangra@environment.nsw.gov.au> In accordance with the Infrastructure Approval, an incident is an occurrence or set of circumstances that causes or threatens to cause material harm and which may or may not be or cause a non-compliance. Material Harm is harm that

- involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to the environment that is not trivial, or
- results in actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount, or amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$50,000, (such loss includes the reasonable costs and expenses that would be incurred in taking all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent, mitigate or make good harm to the environment).

This definition excludes “harm” that is authorised under either the Approval or any other statutory approval.

All incidents will be reported immediately to the Transgrid Project Manager and must be entered by Zinfra into OMNIA within 24 hours, Zinfra’s Risk and Compliance Management System, which serves as the project’s incident management database to ensure that actions are tracked and completed within the required timeframes.

OMNIA supports the management of:

- Enterprise- and Business Unit-level risks, including associated controls, causes, and actions
- Compliance obligations and related documentation

Where an incident has occurred, additional monitoring may be required.

6.2.2.2 *Incident Notification*

In accordance with Condition C16, the Zinfra Environmental Business Partner (through Transgrid) will notify the Department and NPWS within 24 hours of becoming aware of an incident. The notification to the Department must be made via the NSW planning portal (Major Projects) and address details of the incident, including:

- (a) date, time and location;
- (b) a brief description of what occurred and why it has been classified as an incident;
- (c) a description of what immediate steps were taken in relation to the incident; and
- (d) identifying a contact person for further communication regarding the incident.

In addition to the above, where the construction activities result in actual or potential damage to an aboriginal heritage items, Zinfra’s Environmental Business Partner (through Transgrid) will also notify the Heritage Council of NSW within 24 hours of becoming aware of an incident.

6.2.2.3 *Incident Report*

In accordance with Co C17, the Zinfra Environmental Business Partner (through Transgrid) will provide the Department and NPWS with a subsequent incident report via the NSW planning portal

(Major Projects) within 7 days (or as otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary) of the incident notification (in accordance with condition C16). The incident report shall

- a. identify how the incident was detected;
- b. identify when the Proponent became aware of the incident;
- c. identify any actual or potential non-compliance with conditions of consent;
- d. identify further action(s) that will be taken in relation to the incident; and
- e. provide a summary of the incident;
- f. provide outcomes of an incident investigation, including identification of the cause of the incident;
- g. detail corrective and preventative actions that have been, or will be, implemented to address the incident and prevent recurrence, including the period for implementing any corrective and/or preventative actions; and
- h. detail any communication with other stakeholders regarding the incident.

Zinfra's Environmental Business Partner (through Transgrid) shall also submit any further reports as directed by the Planning Secretary.

6.2.2.4 *Incident Investigation*

An investigation will be initiated by the Zinfra Project Manager promptly following any reported incident. The scope and depth of the investigation will depend on the severity and potential impact of the incident. Key elements may include:

- Determining the cause, extent, and responsibility of the incident.
- Additional monitoring (where appropriate)
- Identifying and implementing corrective actions to prevent recurrence.
- Assigning responsibility for carrying out corrective measures.
- Reviewing and updating controls and procedures as needed.
- Notifying relevant stakeholders, including regulatory authorities, if significant noise or vibration impacts have occurred.

Investigations will follow the ICAM (Incident Causation Analysis Method), in alignment with Transgrid's investigation requirements. The level of investigation, team composition, and reporting obligations will be determined based on the actual and potential severity of the incident.

6.2.2.5 *Non-Compliances*

An environmental non-compliance occurs when a condition of approval, licence condition, or any other statutory requirement relevant to a Project activity or location is breached.

Non-compliances may include incident-related significant non-compliances, which may result from construction activities.

For any non-compliances that are not classified as incidents and are identified through inspections, audits, or observations, in accordance with Condition C15, Transgrid's Environmental Business Partner will notify the Department via the Major Projects website within seven (7) days of becoming aware of the non-compliance. Zinfra will provide all necessary information to assist Transgrid in preparing this notification.

- The written notification will include the following details:
- The development, including the development application number and Project name.
- The specific Condition of Approval that has not been met.
- The reasons for the non-compliance, if known; and
- Actions that have been undertaken, or are planned, to address the non-compliance, including expected timing for completion.

6.2.3 Access to this Plan and external reporting

Transgrid will make a copy of this Plan available on its website (<https://www.transgrid.com.au/projects-innovation/mount-piper-to-wallerawang/>) as soon as practicable after it is approved by the Planning Secretary and will ensure that this is kept up to date as per Condition C18 of the Infrastructure Approval.

Transgrid must provide regular reporting on the environmental performance of the Project on its website, in accordance with the reporting arrangements of this Plan.

6.3 STATUTORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

There are several statutory reporting requirements associated with Aboriginal objects as detailed below.

6.3.1 Discovery of Aboriginal objects

Under Section 89A of the NPW Act, it is a requirement that the AHIMS Registrar is notified of the existence of Aboriginal objects as soon as practicable after they are first identified. This will be done by the archaeologist through the completion of an Aboriginal site card which is submitted to AHIMS for inclusion on the Aboriginal objects database. See **Section 5.4** for the procedures related to newly discovered heritage objects and **Section 5.5** for skeletal material.

6.4 HERITAGE RECORDS

Copies of all heritage records for the Project will be kept by Transgrid. The heritage records include:

- This Plan
- A copy of the SSI Infrastructure Approval

- Maps showing heritage site locations
- Archaeological reports that have been produced for the Project
- All applicable Aboriginal site AHIMS and ASIRF cards.

7 REVIEW AND IMPROVEMENT

7.1 REVISION OF STRATEGIES, PLANS AND PROGRAMS

Ongoing monitoring and review of the performance and implementation of this Plan will be undertaken in accordance with Condition C3 of the Infrastructure Approval.

If updates to an environmental management document are required:

- a. to include new information or changes to the development as a result of:
 - i. a modification of Project approval; or
 - ii. a change in the phase of development as notified under condition C10;
- b. to update risk controls or mitigation measures in response to a change in risk level identified by the annual review of the environmental risk assessment required by condition C1(f);
- c. to address the findings of an Independent Environmental Audit under condition C14;
- d. to implement the findings of an incident report required by condition C16;
- e. to comply with a directive by the Planning Secretary;

the relevant environmental management document(s) must be revised and submitted to the Planning Secretary for approval within three months unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.

It is noted that the review of this Plan as detailed in the Infrastructure Approval will be undertaken by Zinfra during the construction phase and by Transgrid during the operation of the Project. The review must ensure that the Plan remains consistent with the approved operations. If a revision to this Plan is determined to be required, the review of the Plan will be undertaken by a suitably qualified person whose appointment has been approved by the Planning Secretary in accordance with the Infrastructure Approval.

Any revision of this Plan must be approved by the Planning Secretary, unless the revision is purely administrative in nature, in which case, with the agreement of the Planning Secretary and/or the Environmental Representative (per condition A12), a revised strategy, plan or program may be prepared without undertaking consultation with all the parties referred to under the relevant condition of this consent.

Other triggers for provided revised versions of the Plan to stakeholders are outlined in **Section 3.3.1**.

7.2 INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

As per Condition C14 of the Infrastructure Approval, an Independent Audit will be carried out for the Project

The audit will be conducted in accordance with the current *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements*.

The recommendations of the Independent Environmental Audit will be implemented to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary, as relevant to this Plan.

7.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

7.3.1 General

All employees and contractors have a responsibility to act in accordance with this Plan. Zinfra are the principal contractor for the construction phase of the Project and will be the responsible party for implementing this Plan. Roles and responsibilities for personnel are outlined in **Table 7-1** below. These responsibilities will be revisited at the completion of the construction phase in a revision of this Plan.

Table 7-1: Responsibilities

Role	Responsibilities for this document
Zinfra Project Manager	- Accountable for implementation, compliance, review and resourcing of this Plan during construction. - Ensure Aboriginal heritage management measures are implemented before relevant works commence, including surface salvage, exclusion controls and long-term artefact management arrangements. - Ensure suitably qualified archaeologists and RAP representatives are engaged where required for salvage, monitoring, unexpected finds and other specialist activities. - Ensure personnel receive required Aboriginal cultural heritage training and inductions. - Ensure RAP consultation commitments are fulfilled during construction. - Initiate site condition monitoring where exclusion-zone inspections identify concerns and ensure corrective actions are implemented. - Ensure unexpected finds, incidents, non-compliances and performance measure failures are appropriately managed, investigated, reported and remediated, including reporting incidents to Transgrid and ensuring entry into OMNIA within required timeframes.
Transgrid Project Manager	- Comply with the Plan and support implementation of heritage controls relevant to Transgrid activities. - Support implementation of the Unexpected Finds Protocol and regulatory incident and non-compliance reporting where required. - Participate in long-term artefact management and reburial decisions. - Facilitate RAP access to locations containing reburied Aboriginal objects. - Ensure Aboriginal heritage management responsibilities are appropriately transitioned from construction to operation.
Zinfra Director, Planning Services	Approve this Plan.
Transgrid management team	- Ensure Transgrid activities comply with this Plan. - Maintain Aboriginal heritage information, records and archaeological databases following handover from construction. - Ensure operational heritage management controls and site protections are maintained. - Ensure annual RAP consultation and updates are undertaken during operation. - Publish and maintain the approved ACHMP and environmental performance reporting on the Project website in accordance with approval requirements.
Zinfra Environmental Business Partner	- Support implementation of and compliance with this Plan and report incidents, concerns and non-compliances to the Zinfra Project Manager. - Coordinate Aboriginal heritage training and inductions and maintain associated records. - Coordinate engagement of archaeologists and RAP representatives where required.

Role	Responsibilities for this document
	- Coordinate implementation and inspection of fencing, signage, exclusion zones and other site protection measures. - Nominate, brief and verify the competency of any delegate undertaking weekly exclusion-zone monitoring under Section 5.3.1, and maintain records of the delegate's qualifications, experience, training and task-specific briefing - Ensure Aboriginal heritage sites and PADs are recorded within Project GIS systems. - Establish and maintain the Aboriginal archaeological sites database. - Undertake or coordinate weekly exclusion-zone inspections and maintain associated monitoring records. - Coordinate RAP and archaeologist attendance for site condition monitoring. - Review monitoring outcomes, monitor the Plan's performance measures and escalate issues requiring corrective action. - Coordinate incident notifications to DPHI and NPWS through Transgrid within the required timeframe and notify Heritage Council of NSW through Transgrid where required. - Coordinate notifications required under the Unexpected Finds Protocol and support incident, non-compliance and statutory reporting. - Act as the Heritage NSW liaison for Aboriginal heritage matters
Zinfra Project Engagement Lead	- Lead ongoing consultation with RAPs during construction, including annual Project updates. - Coordinate RAP notifications regarding new Aboriginal object discoveries, skeletal remains discoveries, salvage activities, significant Project changes and revisions to the Plan. - Maintain RAP consultation records and support the RAP issue and correspondence register. - Facilitate opportunities for RAP participation in employment, training and supply of goods and services where relevant.
Archaeologist	- Meet the qualification and experience requirements of Section 16 of the Code of Practice and provide specialist archaeological advice for implementation and review of this Plan. - Undertake surface salvage and other archaeological activities required by the Plan in consultation with RAP representatives. - Prepare required salvage records and reports and submit ASIRFs and other required site information to AHIMS. - Undertake baseline and six-monthly site condition monitoring and prepare monitoring reports identifying required corrective actions. - Assess unexpected Aboriginal heritage finds with RAP representatives and complete associated recording and reporting requirements. - Register newly identified Aboriginal objects and sites in AHIMS where required. - Assist in determining appropriate reburial locations and long-term artefact management arrangements. - Register reburial locations as AHIMS sites where applicable. - Participate in review and revision of the Plan where specialist archaeological advice is required..
RAPs	- Participate in consultation on implementation and review of the Plan and significant Project changes affecting Aboriginal cultural heritage. - Participate, where required, in archaeological salvage, baseline inspections and site condition monitoring. - Participate in assessment of unexpected Aboriginal heritage finds. - Provide input regarding the significance and management of unexpected finds. - Participate in long-term artefact management and determination of reburial locations where applicable. - Provide input into Aboriginal cultural heritage induction content where requested.
Site/Construction Supervisor	- Ensure personnel comply with site-specific Aboriginal heritage controls. - Restrict access to identified heritage exclusion zones. - Authorise access to the locked paddock associated with site 45-1-0237 where required.

Role	Responsibilities for this document
	- Ensure bog mats and other required non-ground-disturbing methodologies are implemented. - Immediately cease affected works where unexpected Aboriginal objects or skeletal remains are identified. - Notify the Zinfra Project Manager and Environmental Business Partner of heritage-related issues.
All Project employees, visitors, and contractors	- Comply with this Plan and Aboriginal heritage controls applicable to their work area. - Complete required Aboriginal cultural heritage induction prior to commencing work. - Avoid harm to Aboriginal heritage and comply with exclusion zones, fencing, signage and other management measures. - Immediately report unexpected finds, incidents and non-compliances. - Immediately cease affected work where required under the Unexpected Finds Protocol or Unanticipated Skeletal Remains Protocol..

7.3.2 Specific per approval conditions

Table 7-2 provides the responsibilities for implementing the specific tasks required to meet the approval conditions, e.g. performing the archaeological salvage.

Table 7-2: Approval conditions and responsibility.

Condition	Subsection	Description (NSW DPHI 2026)	Timing	Responsibility
B25	(a)	ensure the development does not cause harm to any historic heritage items (see Table 3-3 of Appendix 3) or Aboriginal cultural heritage items (see Table 3-1 of Appendix 3) ;	Ongoing	All Project staff are responsible for complying with the measures in this Plan. The Zinfra Project Manager has accountability for the implementation of this Plan.
	(b)	manage the Aboriginal cultural heritage identified in Table 3-2 of Appendix 3 in accordance with the specified mitigation management measures and in accordance with the requirements of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan, as outlined in condition B27, including any subsequent revision of this plan	Ongoing	Zinfra Project Manager and all personnel enacting measures outlined in this Plan (e.g. archaeologists, RAPs).
	(c)	manage the historic heritage identified in Table 3-3 of Appendix 3 in accordance with the requirements of the Historic Heritage Management Plan, as outlined in condition B26, including any subsequent revision of this plan;	Ongoing	Addressed in HHMP
	(d)	salvage and relocate items that would be impacted to a suitable location, in accordance with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan described in condition B27; and	Prior to construction	Zinfra Project manager to ensure archaeologist and RAPs are organised to undertake this work
	(e)	develop an Unexpected Finds Procedure including a contingency plan and reporting procedure, in accordance with the guidelines and standards specified by Heritage NSW, to be implemented for the duration of the Project. The procedure must include the requirement to notify Heritage NSW of any identified relics or Aboriginal objects, and	Prior to construction	Plan authors and Zinfra Project Manager

Condition	Subsection	Description (NSW DPHI 2026)	Timing	Responsibility
		register any newly identified Aboriginal objects or sites in the AHIMS database.		
B27 Prior to the carrying out of any development that could harm Aboriginal heritage items, the Proponent must prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. The plan must:	(a)	be prepared by suitably qualified and experienced person/s whose appointment has been endorsed by the Planning Secretary;	Prior to construction	Plan authors, DPHI
	(b)	be prepared in consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties and reviewed by Heritage NSW;	Prior to construction	Plan authors, RAPs and Heritage NSW
	(c)	include a description of the measures (and associated methodologies) that would be implemented for: (i) undertaking the management activities specified in Table 3-2 of Appendix 3, including a detailed methodology for each of the approved management activities; (ii) the long-term management of any Aboriginal heritage items or cultural material collected; (iii) ensuring workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that records are kept of these inductions; (iv) ongoing consultation and involvement of Registered Aboriginal Parties in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage and (v) preparing Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Forms (ASIRFs) for all impacted Aboriginal heritage sites following construction activities, with ASIRFs to be submitted to the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS)	Prior to construction	(i) Plan authors; (ii) Plan authors, RAPs; (iii) Plan authors (iv) Plan authors (v) Plan authors
	(d)	include the Unexpected Finds Procedure, and	Prior to construction	Plan authors
	(e)	include a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of management measures and any Aboriginal cultural heritage impacts of the Project.	Prior to construction	Plan authors, Environmental Management Plan authors
C3		Revision of Environmental Management Documents	Ongoing	Zinfra management team, Environmental Representative
C15		Non-compliance notification	Ongoing	Zinfra management team, Environmental Representative
C16		Incident notification	Ongoing	Zinfra management team, Environmental Representative

8 DOCUMENT INFORMATION

8.1 RELEVANT LEGISLATION

The following legislation is relevant to this Plan:

- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*
- *Heritage ACT 1977*
- *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*
- *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984*

8.2 REFERENCE INFORMATION

Reference information, listed in below, is information that is related to the development of this document or referenced from within this document.

DECCW 2010	DECCW 2010, <i>Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales</i> , Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, Sydney.
OzArk 2025	OzArk EHM 2025. <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report: Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission Line Upgrade Project</i> . Report to Transgrid

APPENDIX 1: CONSULTATION RECORDS

Appendix 1 Table 1: Correspondence with RAPs, DPHI and Heritage NSW on this Plan.

Date	Stakeholder	Nature of correspondence	Outcome	Relevant CoA	Where addressed (if required)
5.6.26	Bathurst Local Aboriginal Land Council. Didge Ngunawal Clan Girragirra Murun Aboriginal Corporation Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group Konanggo Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Service Koori Digs Services Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation Stakeholder 1 Thomas Dahlstrom Timothy Stubbs Warrabinga NTCAC Wingarra Wilay Aboriginal Corporation Wiradjuri Council of Elders	Draft Plan emailed to RAPs with request for feedback and input.	Two responses received, from Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation and Warrabinga NTCAC. Responses supportive of draft Plan, provided in full as Appendix 1 Figure 1 .	B27b	N/A
10.6.26	DPHI	DPHI contacted to request endorsement of Plan authors	DPHI provided endorsement for Dr Jodie Benton and Harrison Rochford to prepare the Plan.	B27a	Appendix 2
1.7.26	Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation Warrabinga NTCAC	All RAPs invited to in person meeting in Wallerawang to discuss draft Plan. Meeting attended by Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation and Warrabinga NTCAC	Long term management of Aboriginal objects updated to allow provision for care agreement for object to be transferred to Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation. Opportunities for RAP involvement in preparation of Aboriginal cultural heritage awareness training packages to be explored	B27b and B27c	Section 3.3.3 and Section 5.7.2

Appendix 1 Table 2: Registered Aboriginal Party consultation log for the Plan

Date	Organisation	Nature of correspondence	Method	Where addressed (if required)
5.6.26	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	CB emailed draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) closing date 6.7.26	Email	Not applicable
5.6.26	Didge Ngunawal Clan	CB emailed draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) closing date 6.7.26	Email	Not applicable
5.6.26	Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation	CB emailed draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) closing date 6.7.26	Email	Not applicable
5.6.26	Thomas Dahlstrom	CB emailed draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) closing date 6.7.26	Email	Not applicable
5.6.26	Konanggo Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Services	CB emailed draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) closing date 6.7.26	Email	Not applicable
5.6.26	Tim Stubbs	CB emailed draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) closing date 6.7.26	Email	Not applicable
5.6.26	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	CB emailed draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) closing date 6.7.26	Email	Not applicable
5.6.26	Wingarra Wilay AC	CB emailed draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) closing date 6.7.26	Email	Not applicable
5.6.26	Girragirra Murun Aboriginal Corporation	CB emailed draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) closing date 6.7.26	Email	Not applicable
5.6.26	Wiradjuri Council of Elders	CB emailed draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) closing date 6.7.26	Email	Not applicable
5.6.26	Stakeholder 1	CB emailed draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) closing date 6.7.26	Email	Not applicable
5.6.26	Gunjee Wong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	CB emailed draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) closing date 6.7.26	Email	Not applicable
5.6.26	Bathurst LALC	CB emailed draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management	Email	Not applicable

		Plan (ACHMP) closing date 6.7.26		
5.6.26	Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation	CB emailed draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) closing date 6.7.26	Email	Not applicable
15.6.26	Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation	CB received email – response provided in full in Appendix 1 Figure 1	Email	Not applicable
17.6.26	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	HR emailed AFGM meeting invite	Email	Not applicable
17.6.26	Didge Ngunawal Clan	HR emailed AFGM meeting invite	Email	Not applicable
17.6.26	Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation	HR emailed AFGM meeting invite	Email	Not applicable
17.6.26	Thomas Dahlstrom	HR emailed AFGM meeting invite	Email	Not applicable
17.6.26	Konanggo Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Services	HR emailed AFGM meeting invite	Email	Not applicable
17.6.26	Tim Stubbs	HR emailed AFGM meeting invite	Email	Not applicable
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17.6.26	Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation	HR emailed AFGM meeting invite	Email	Not applicable
17.6.26	Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation	RSVP for AFGM	Email	Not applicable
18.6.26	Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation	RSVP for AFGM	Email	Not applicable
19.6.26	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	CB received email - I have read the Project information and draft ACHMP for the above Project, I endorse the recommendations	Email	Not applicable

23.6.26	Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation	CB replied with thanks	Email	Not applicable
1.7.26	Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation	Attendance at AFGM	In person	Section 3.3 and Section 3.3.3
1.7.26	Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation	Attendance at AFGM	In person	Section 3.3 and Section 3.3.3
2.7.26	Thomas Dahlstrom	Call to discuss AFGM points after being an apology in person	Phone	Not applicable
9.7.26	Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	HR emailed AFGM meeting summary and update	Email	Not applicable
9.7.26	Didge Ngunawal Clan	HR emailed AFGM meeting summary and update	Email	Not applicable
9.7.26	Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation	HR emailed AFGM meeting summary and update	Email	Not applicable
9.7.26	Thomas Dahlstrom	HR emailed AFGM meeting summary and update	Email	Not applicable
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9.7.26	Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation	HR emailed AFGM meeting summary and update	Email	Not applicable

Appendix 1 Figure 1: Registered Aboriginal Party responses to the draft Plan

Murrabidgee Mullangari

Darleen Johnson <murrabidgeemullangari@yahoo.com.au>
To: Consultation <consultation@ozarkehm.com.au>

🚩 Flag for follow up.

Hi Catherine,
I have read the project information and draft ACHMP for the above project, I endorse the recommendations.
Kind regards
Darleen
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Murrabidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation

Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation

Warrabinga Wiradjuri #7 Native Title Claimants

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15-06-2026

Dear OzArk Environment and Heritage Team,

Thank you for providing Warrabinga Wiradjuri #7 Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation with the opportunity to review the Draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission Line Upgrade Project. Warrabinga Wiradjuri #7 confirms that we are agreeable with the draft ACHMP, including the proposed management measures, consultation processes, and heritage protection commitments outlined for the project.

We appreciate the continued engagement with our Corporation and the recognition of our cultural responsibilities on Country. We look forward to working together throughout the implementation of the ACHMP and maintaining a collaborative relationship as the project progresses.

Kind Regards

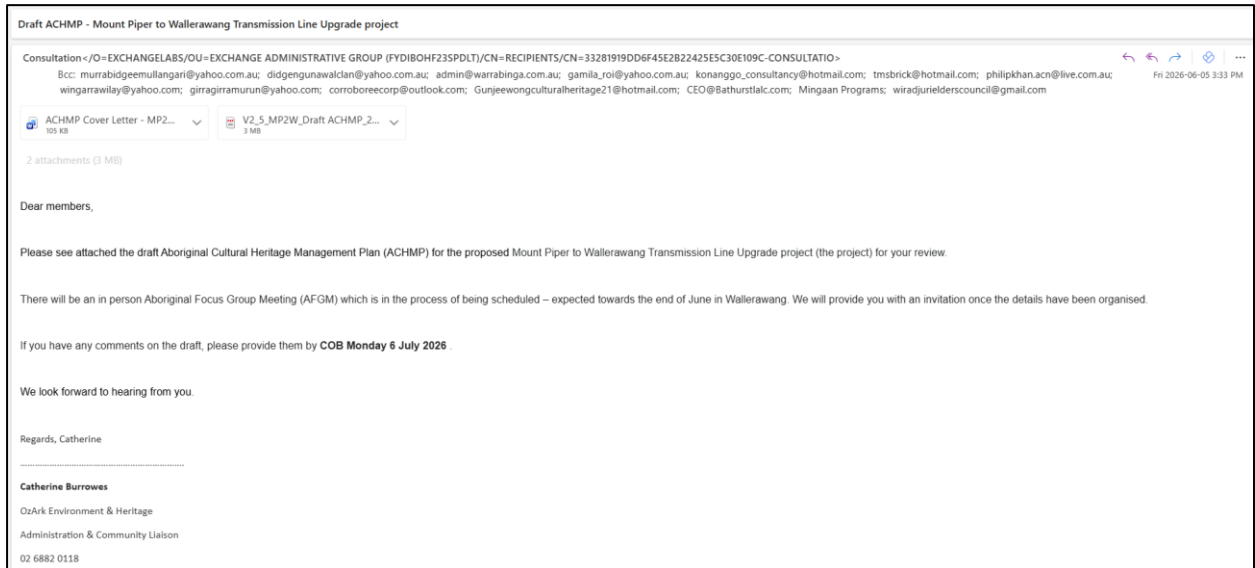
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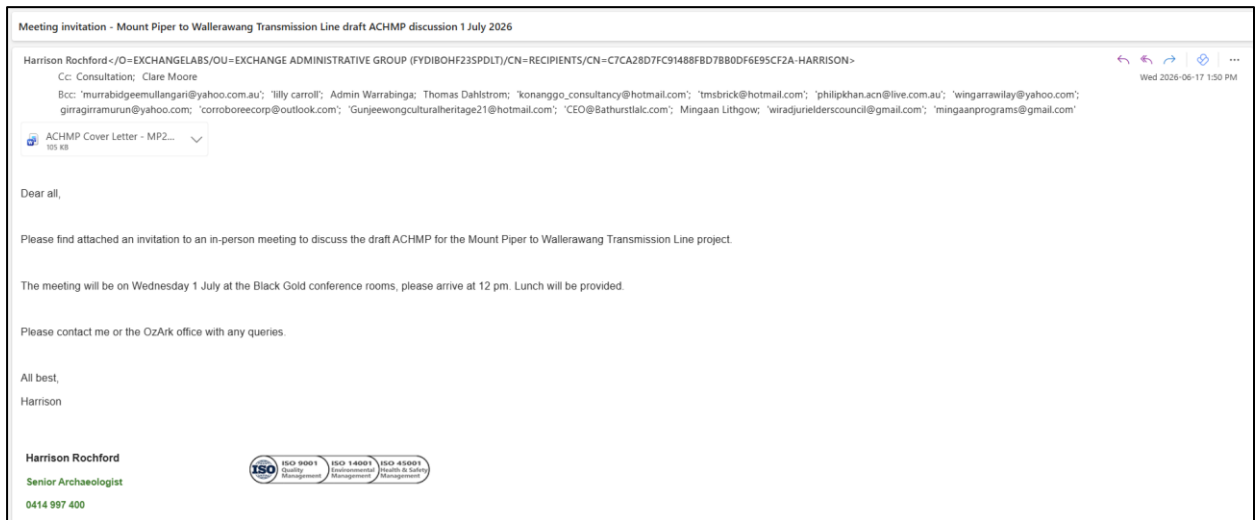
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Appendix 1 Figure 2: Email to RAPs seeking review of the draft of this Plan.



Appendix 1 Figure 3: Invitation to meeting to discuss draft Plan



Appendix 1 Figure 4: Email update following the meeting

MP2W ACHMP update
Summarize this email


Harrison Rochford

 Reply
 Reply all
 Forward




C: @ Consultation; Clare Moore <clare.moore@zinfra.com.au>
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Bcc: 'murrabidgeemullangari@yahoo.com.au'; Thomas Dahlstrom <gamila_roi@yahoo.com.au>;
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Dear all,

I am writing to you to provide an update following the meeting held for the Mount Piper to Wallarawang Transmission Line Upgrade Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) in Wallerawang last Wednesday (1 July).

Representatives of Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation and Warrabinga Native Title Claimants Aboriginal Corporation were in attendance, Thomas Dahlstrom was an apology.

Following discussion of the measures in the ACHMP, it was raised that long term management of artefacts salvaged from the project footprint could include transfer to Mingaan Aboriginal Corporation through a Care Agreement. Section 3.1.5 of the ACHMP has been updated as below to allow for this.

There are no other substantive changes to the ACHMP following the review period. Thank you all for your inputs.

The ACHMP will be submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for their review and updated to a final version that will be shared with you for your records. Please reach out to me with any queries on this.

All best,
Harrison

APPENDIX 2: AUTHOR ENDORSEMENT

Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure



Our ref: SSI-70279722-PA-3

Dan Owens
Senior Environmental Advisor
NSW Electricity Networks Operations Pty Limited (t/a TransGrid)
Via Email
10 June 2026

Subject: Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission - Appointment of Dr Jodie Benton and Harrison Rochford as Aboriginal Heritage experts

Dear Mr Owens,

I refer to your letter dated 3 June 2026 requesting the Planning Secretary's endorsement of Dr Jodie Benton and Harrison Rochford to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan in accordance with Schedule 2, Condition B27 of the approval for the Mount Piper to Wallerawang Transmission Project (SSI-70279722; Approval).

The Department notes that Dr Jodie Benton and Harrison Rochford will be co-authors for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

The Department has reviewed the nominations and information you have provided and is satisfied that Dr Jodie Benton and Harrison Rochford are suitably qualified and experienced. Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I endorse the appointment of Dr Jodie Benton and Harrison Rochford as the Aboriginal Heritage experts, in accordance with Condition B27 (a) of the Approval.

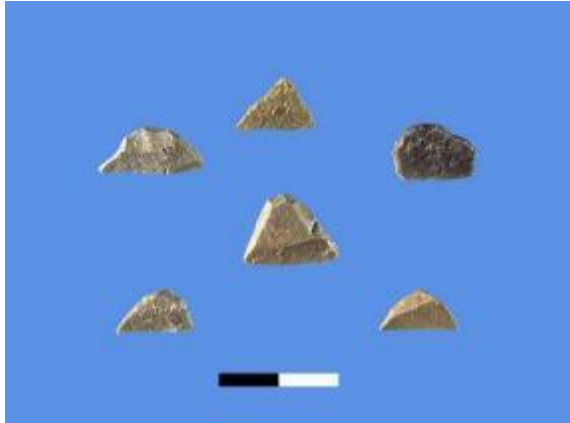
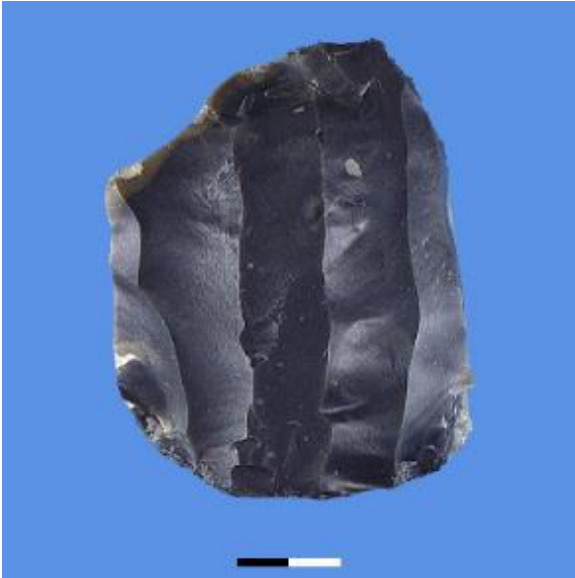
If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Minchin".

Thomas Minchin
Team Leader Transmission Post Approval
As nominee of the Planning Secretary

APPENDIX 3: ABORIGINAL ARTEFACT IDENTIFICATION

	
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