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Acronyms and abbreviations

ACHA	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment
ACHCRP	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents
AHD	Elevation in metres to Australian Height Datum
AHIMS	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System
AHIP	Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit
ASL	Above sea level
CoA	Conditions of Approval
DD	Aboriginal Due Diligence Assessment
DPHI	Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (NSW)
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EMS	Environmental Management Strategy
EP&A Act	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i> (NSW)
ESD	Ecologically Sustainable Development
Heritage Act	<i>Heritage Act 1977</i> (NSW)
IBRA	Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia
km	kilometres
LGA	Local Government Area
m	metres
MPPS	Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, now known as Minister of Planning Housing and Infrastructure
NGH	NGH Pty Ltd
NPW Act	<i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> (NSW)
NSW	New South Wales
PAD	Potential Archaeological Deposit
RAP	Registered Aboriginal Party
SHI	State Heritage Inventory
SHR	State Heritage Register

1. Introduction

The Blind Creek Solar Farm (or “the Project”) is a State Significant Development (SSD) (SSD 13166280) that will represent an important contribution to renewable energy generation in New South Wales (NSW).

Development Consent for the Project was granted on 28th July 2023 with Conditions of Approval (CoA) from the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces (MPPS) for the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Blind Creek Solar Farm, located approximately 6.8 kilometres (km) north east of the township of Bungendore, NSW and within the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Local Government Area (LGA). The approved development footprint and schedule of land for the Blind Creek Solar Farm is shown in Appendix A. The known heritage sites within the development footprint are also shown in Appendix B.

The purpose of this Heritage Management Plan (HMP) is to describe how impact on Aboriginal and historic heritage will be minimised and managed during construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Project. The development of the Project is required to be carried out generally in accordance with the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Blind Creek Solar Farm and must comply with the CoA.

1.1 Context

An Environmental Management Strategy (EMS) will be prepared for the Project to comply with the consent, issued by the MPPS, and all applicable legislation for the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Blind Creek Solar Farm.

This HMP is anticipated to be part of the Project Owner’s (Octopus Investments Australia) Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractor’s environmental management framework for the Project. This HMP has been prepared to address the Heritage requirements outlined in Condition B20 and B21 of the CoA from the MPPS relating to the management of cultural heritage during the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Project.

This HMP has been prepared by suitably qualified, independent, and experienced archaeologists Jorge Fuenzalida Miralles and Matthew Barber from NGH, who were endorsed by the Planning Secretary in accordance with Schedule 2 Condition B21(a) of SSD 13166280 on the 27th June 2024 as documented in Appendix C.

1.2 Environmental management strategic framework

The HMP will form part of the Project Owner’s and their EPC contractor’s environmental management framework for the Project, that will be described in the EMS. Mitigation and management measures identified in this plan will be incorporated into the site construction timeline and included in site induction and Work Method Statements (WMS), as outlined in the EMS, where applicable. Used together, the EMS, management measures, procedures, site induction and WMS, form management guides that clearly identify required environmental management actions for reference by the personnel, contractors, and sub-contractors for the Project.

As a subplan of the EMS the review and document control processes for this HMP will be undertaken in line with standard document control policy and procedures. The HMP, like the overarching EMS, is a live and evolving document to be updated when necessary.

Throughout the development of the Project any additional requirements that are identified by the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) through their assessment of any strategies, plans or correspondence that are submitted in accordance with CoA must be complied with. Any requirements, actions or measures documented by DPHI following reports, reviews or audits commissioned by the DPHI regarding the compliance of the Project with the CoA must also be complied with.

2. Purpose and objectives

2.1 Purpose and objectives

The purpose of this HMP is to describe how impacts on Aboriginal and historic heritage will be minimised and managed during construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Project in line with the following relevant documents.

- The Project Environment Impact Statement (NGH Pty Ltd 2022a).
- The Project Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) (NGH Pty Ltd 2022b) and Addendum ACHAR (NGH Pty Ltd 2022c).
- The Project Statement of Heritage Impact (SOHI) and Historical Archaeological Assessment (HAA) (NGH Pty Ltd 2022d)
- The Project Submissions Report (NGH Pty Ltd 2022e).
- MPPS Development Consent (determined 28th July 2023).

If there is any inconsistency between the above documents, the most recent document must prevail to the extent of the inconsistency. However, the CoA must prevail to the extent of any inconsistency, except where it refers to specific actions outlined in the EIS.

The HMP Provides guidance for the management of any unexpected Aboriginal or historic heritage objects that may be encountered during works for the Project.

The key objectives of the HMP are to:

- Ensure that impacts to Aboriginal heritage items known to be present within the Project Area are minimised.
- Ensure that any impacts to heritage items are within the scope permitted by the planning approval conditions.
- Outline the actions to be undertaken to minimise or mitigate impacts to heritage items.
- Ensure that the development of the Project is carried out generally in accordance with the EIS.

To achieve this objective, the following will be undertaken:

- Appropriate controls and procedures are implemented during construction, operation, and decommissioning activities to avoid (where necessary) or minimise potential adverse impacts to Aboriginal heritage in the Project footprint.
- The mitigation measures as detailed in the EIS, ACHAR, Addendum ACHAR, Response to Submission Report (RtS), and CoA are implemented.
- Appropriate measures are implemented to comply with all relevant legislation and other requirements as describe in Section 3 of the plan.
- Facilitate engagement with the local Aboriginal community in partnership to appropriately manage the Aboriginal cultural heritage values associated with the Project.
- Maintain a programme of review of the effectiveness of the measures implemented.

2.2 Targets

The following targets have been established for the management of Aboriginal heritage impacts during the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Project:

- Ensure full compliance with the relevant legislative requirements.
- Ensure full compliance with the relevant requirements of the EIS, ACHAR, Addendum ACHAR, RtS, and CoA.

- Minimise or avoid impacts, including inadvertent impacts, on known Aboriginal and/or historic heritage sites.
- Follow correct procedures and ensure notification of any previously unidentified Aboriginal or Historical objects/places uncovered during construction, operation, or decommissioning.
- Ensure Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Awareness Training is provided to all personnel in the form of induction before they begin work on site.
- Ensure the implementation of the HMP actions are reviewed and updated when required.

These targets have been established to ensure the CoA, as listed in the Development Consent for the Project, are met.

3. Environmental requirements

3.1 Legislative and other environmental management requirements

Legislation

Legislation relevant to heritage management includes:

- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) (NSW)
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021*
- *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act) (NSW)
- *National Parks and Wildlife Regulations 2019* (NSW)
- *National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Aboriginal Objects and Aboriginal Places) Regulation 2010*
- *Heritage Act 1977* (NSW)
- *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth)

Guidelines and standards

The main guidelines, specifications, and policy documents relevant to this Plan include:

- *Guide to Investigating, Assessing, and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011)
- *Code of Practice for the Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (DECCW 2010a)
- *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* (ACHCRP) (DECCW 2010b)
- *Assessing Heritage Significance* (NSW Heritage Office 2001)

3.2 Development consent

Development Consent was issued by the MPPS on the 28th July 2023 for the Project. A detailed list of heritage control measures to be implemented to ensure compliance with the CoA, EIS, RtS and heritage assessments undertaken for the Project to date is detailed in Section 7 of this document.

As noted in the CoA all reasonable and feasible measures to prevent and/or minimise any material harm to the environment is noted, this includes harm to Aboriginal heritage objects. This document outlines how this is to be achieved.

A list of the conditions from the CoA that are relevant to this Plan is provided in Table 3-1 below.

Table 3-1 Location of information in this plan addressing the heritage requirements of the CoA.

Condition	Condition of Development Consent	Location of Relevant Information
A1 of Schedule 2 Part A	In meeting the specific performance measures and criteria in this consent, all reasonable and feasible measures must be implemented to prevent, and if prevention is not reasonable and feasible, minimise, any material harm to the environment that may result from the construction, operation, upgrading, commissioning, rehabilitation or decommissioning of the development.	This document and Section 7.

Condition	Condition of Development Consent	Location of Relevant Information
A2 of Schedule 2 Part A	The development may only be carried out: a) In compliance with the conditions of this consent; b) In accordance with all written directions of the Planning Secretary; c) generally, in accordance with the EIS; and d) Generally in accordance with the Development Layout in Appendix 1 (of the CoA).	Section 1 and Section 2.1
A3 of Schedule 2 Part A	The Applicant must comply with any requirement/s of the Planning Secretary arising from the Department's assessment of: a) Any strategies, plans or correspondence that are submitted in accordance with this consent; b) Any reports, reviews or audits commissioned by the Department regarding compliance with this consent; and c) The implementation of any actions or measures contained in these documents	Section 1.2 and Table 7.1
A4 of Schedule 2 Part A	The conditions of this consent and directions of the Planning Secretary prevail to the extent of any inconsistency, ambiguity or conflict between them and a document listed in condition A2(c) or A2(d). In the event of an inconsistency, ambiguity or conflict between any of the documents listed in condition A2(c) or A2(d), the most recent document prevails to the extent of the inconsistency, ambiguity or conflict.	CoA Table 1 of Appendix 4. HMP Table 3-2 and Figure 3-1. Section 7
A12 of Schedule 2 Part A	The Applicant must ensure that all of its employees, contractors (and their sub-contractors) are made aware of, and are instructed to comply with, the conditions of this consent relevant to activities that carry out in respect of the development.	Table 7-1 Section 8.2
A13 of Schedule 2 Part A	Where conditions of this consent require consultation with an identified party, the Applicant must: a) Consult with the relevant party prior to submitting the subject document to the Planning Secretary for approval; and b) Provide details of the consultation undertaken including: i) The outcome of that consultation, matters resolved and unresolved; and ii) Details of any disagreement remaining between the party consulted and the Applicant and how the Applicant has addressed the matters not resolved.	This document Section 4
B20 of Schedule 2 Part B	The Applicant must ensure the development does not cause any direct or indirect impacts on the Aboriginal heritage items identified in Table 1 of Appendix 4 or any Aboriginal heritage items located outside the approved development footprint.	CoA Table 1 of Appendix 4. HMP Table 3-2, Figure 3-1, and Appendix G.

Condition	Condition of Development Consent	Location of Relevant Information
	Prior to carrying out any development that could directly or indirectly impact the heritage items identified in Table 2 of Appendix 4, the Applicant must salvage and relocate the item/s that would be impacted to a suitable alternative location, in accordance with the <i>Heritage Management Plan</i> required in condition B21.	Section 7. CoA Table 2 of Appendix 4. HMP Table 3-3 Figure 3-1, Appendix G, Table 7-1, and Appendix E.
B21 of Schedule 2 Part B	Prior to commencing construction, the Applicant must prepare a Heritage Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary. This plan must: a) Be prepared by suitably qualified and experienced persons whose appointment has been endorsed by the Planning Secretary in writing; b) Be prepared in consultation with Aboriginal Stakeholders and Heritage NSW; c) Include a description of the measures that would be implemented for: i) Protecting the Aboriginal heritage items identified in Table 1 in Appendix 4 or items located outside of the approved development footprint, including fencing off the Aboriginal heritage items prior to carrying out any development that could directly or indirectly impact the heritage items identified in Table 2 of Appendix 4; ii) Salvaging and relocating the Aboriginal heritage items located within the approved development footprint, as identified in Table 2 of Appendix 4; iii) A contingency plan and reporting procedure if: - Previously unidentified heritage items are found; or - Aboriginal skeletal material is discovered iv) Ensuring workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that records are kept of these inductions; v) Ongoing consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders during the implementation of the plan. d) Include a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these measures and any	This document Section 1.1 Appendix C Section 4 and Appendix D Section 7 and Section 8.3 Section 7 and Appendix E Section 8.5 Appendix F Appendix F.1 Section 8.2 Section 8.2 Section 4 Section 8.3

Condition	Condition of Development Consent	Location of Relevant Information
	heritage impacts of the project. Following the Planning Secretary's approval, the Applicant must implement the Heritage Management Plan.	
C2 of Schedule 2 Part C	The Applicant must: (a) Update the strategies, plans or programs required under this consent to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary prior to carrying out any upgrading or decommissioning activities on site; and (b) Review and, if necessary, revise the strategies, plans or programs required under this consent to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary within 1 month of the: i) Submission of an incident report under condition C10 of Schedule 4; ii) Submission of an audit report under condition C14 of Schedule 4; or iii) Any modification to the conditions of this consent.	Section 9 Section 9.2
C3 of Schedule 2 Part C	With the approval of the Planning Secretary, the development may be staged and the Applicant may: a) Prepare and submit any strategy, plan or program required by this consent on a staged basis (if a clear description is provided as to the specific stage and scope of the development to which the strategy, plan or program applies, the relationship of the stage to any future stages and the trigger for updating the strategy, plan or program); b) Combine any strategy, plan or program required by this consent (if a clear relationship is demonstrated between the strategies, plans or programs that are proposed to be combine); and c) Update any strategy, plan or program required by this consent (to ensure the strategies, plans and programs required under this consent are updated on a regular basis and incorporate additional measures or amendments to improve the environmental performance of the development).	Section 9.2
C10 of Schedule 2 Part C	The Planning Secretary must be notified in writing via the Major Projects website immediately after the Applicant becomes aware of an incident. The notification must identify the development (including the development application number and the name of the development if it has one) and set out the location and nature of the incident. Subsequent notification requirements must be given, and reports submitted in accordance with the requirements set out in Appendix 6.	Section 8.6

Condition	Condition of Development Consent	Location of Relevant Information
C11 of Schedule 2 Part C	The Department must be notified via the Major Projects website portal within seven days after the Applicant becomes aware of any non-compliance.	Section 8.6
C12 of Schedule 2 Part C	A non-compliance notification must identify the development and the application number for it, set out the condition of consent that the development is non-compliant with, the way in which it does not comply and the reasons for the non-compliance (if known) and what actions have been, or will be, undertaken to address the non-compliance.	Section 8.6
C13 of Schedule 2 Part C	A non-compliance which has been notified as an incident does not need to also be notified as a non-compliance.	Section 8.6
C14 of Schedule 2 Part C	Independent Audits of the development must be conducted and carried out in accordance with the <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements</i> (2020) to the following capacity: a) Within 3 months of commencing construction; and b) Within 3 months of commencement of operations.	Section 8.4
C15 of Schedule 2 Part C	Proposed independent auditors must be agreed to in writing by the Planning Secretary prior to the commencement of an Independent Audit.	Section 8.4
C16 of Schedule 2 Part C	The Planning Secretary may require the initial and subsequent Independent Audits to be undertaken at different times to those specified in condition C14 of Schedule 4 upon giving at least 4 weeks' notice to the Applicant at the date upon which the audit must be commenced.	Section 8.4
C17 of Schedule 2 Part C	In accordance with the specific requirements in the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020), the Applicant must: a) review and respond to each Independent Audit Report prepared under condition C14 of Schedule 4 of this consent, or condition C16 of Schedule 4 where notice is given by the Planning Secretary; b) submit the response to the Planning Secretary; and c) make each Independent Audit Report, and response to it, publicly available within 60 days of submission to the Planning Secretary. Unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.	Section 8.4
C18 of Schedule 2 Part C	Independent Audit Reports and the Applicant's response to audit findings must be submitted to the Planning NSW Government 17 Blind Creek Solar Farm Department of Planning and Environment (SSD-13166280) Secretary within 2 months of undertaking the independent audit site inspection as outlined in the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020) unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.	Section 8.4

Condition	Condition of Development Consent	Location of Relevant Information
C19 of Schedule 2 Part C	Notwithstanding the requirements of the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020), the Planning Secretary may approve a request for ongoing independent operational audits to be ceased, where it has been demonstrated to the Planning Secretary's satisfaction that independent operational audits have demonstrated operational compliance.	Section 8.4
Appendix 6: Incident Notification and Reporting Requirements	1. A written incident notification addressing the requirements set out below must be submitted to the Planning Secretary via the Major Projects website within seven days after the Applicant becomes aware of an incident. Notification is required to be given under this condition even if the Application fails to give the notification required under condition C7 of Schedule 4 or, having given such notification, subsequently forms the view that an incident has not occurred. 2. Written notification of an incident must: a) Identify the development and application number; b) Provide details of the incident (date, time, location, a brief description of what occurred and why it is classified as an incident); c) Identify how the incident was detected; d) Identify when the applicant become aware of the incident; e) Identify any actual or potential non-compliance with conditions of consent; f) Describe what immediate steps were taken in relation to the incident; g) Identify further action(s) that will be taken in relation to the incident; and h) Identify a project contact for further communication regarding the incident. 3. Within 30 days of the date on which the incident occurred or as otherwise agreed to by the Planning Secretary, the Applicant must provide the Planning Secretary and any relevant public authorities (as determined by the Planning Secretary) with a detailed report on the incident addressing all requirements below, and such further reports as may be requested. 4. The incident report must include: a) A summary of the incident; b) Outcomes of an incident investigation, including identification of the cause of the incident; c) Details of the corrective and preventative actions that have been, or will be, implemented to address the incident and prevent recurrence; and d) Details of any communication with other stakeholders	Section 8.6

Condition	Condition of Development Consent	Location of Relevant Information
	regarding the incident.	

The Aboriginal heritage items referred to in Table 1 of Appendix 4 of the CoA (see Appendix B of this document)—which are referred to in Condition B20 of Schedule 2 Part B of the CoA—that are to be avoided are listed in Table 3-2 and shown in Figure 3-1. All AHIMS registered sites that are highlighted in bold in Table 3-2 are within 50 m of the development footprint and must be temporarily fenced with a 5 m buffer until construction is complete. A more detailed—and higher scale—set of maps showing the mitigations measures of known Aboriginal sites as listed in the CoA is shown in Appendix G.

No harm must occur to those sites listed in Table 3-2 or to the associated high sensitivity landforms that have been excised from the development footprint.

Table 3-2 Aboriginal heritage items listed in Table 1 of Appendix 4 of the CoA to be avoided.

Item Name	AHIMS Site Name	CoA Requirements	Item Name	AHIMS Site Name	CoA Requirements
57-2-0020	Currandooly 2; Lake George;	Avoid Impacts	57-2-0917	Willow Sands	Avoid Impacts
57-2-0642	Grantham Park 3	Avoid Impacts	57-2-1153	BCSF: Cluster 8	Avoid Impacts
57-2-0702	CWF2-IF-02	Avoid Impacts	57-2-1158	BCSF: Isolated Find 5	Avoid Impacts
57-2-0704	CWF2-IF-04	Avoid Impacts	57-2-1161	BCSF: Isolated Find 8	Avoid Impacts
57-2-0732	CWF2-S-01	Avoid Impacts	57-2-1162	BCSF: Isolated Find 9	Avoid Impacts
57-2-0733	CWF2-S-02	Avoid Impacts	57-2-1172	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 16	Avoid Impacts
57-2-0734	CWF2-S-03	Avoid Impacts	57-2-1174	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 17	Avoid Impacts
57-2-0735	CWF2-S-04	Avoid Impacts	57-2-1175	BCSF: Isolated Find 10	Avoid Impacts
57-2-0736	CWF2-S-05	Avoid Impacts	57-2-1178	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 3	Avoid Impacts

Item Name	AHIMS Site Name	CoA Requirements
57-2-1181	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 6	Avoid Impacts
57-2-1186	BCSF: Cluster 11	Avoid Impacts
57-2-1187	BCSF: Cluster 12	Avoid Impacts
57-2-1188	BCSF: Cluster 10	Avoid Impacts
57-2-1191	BCSF Cluster 6	Avoid Impacts
57-2-1198	BCSF: Transect 5	Avoid Impacts
57-2-1199	BCSF: Cluster 7	Avoid Impacts

Item Name	AHIMS Site Name	CoA Requirements
57-2-1200	BCSF: Transect 3/Cluster 9	Avoid Impacts
57-3-0213	Bridge Creek/Currandooly;	Avoid Impacts
57-3-0482	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 19	Avoid Impacts
57-3-0483	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 20	Avoid Impacts
57-3-0486	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 24	Avoid Impacts
57-3-0487	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 25	Avoid Impacts
57-3-0490	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 23	Avoid Impacts

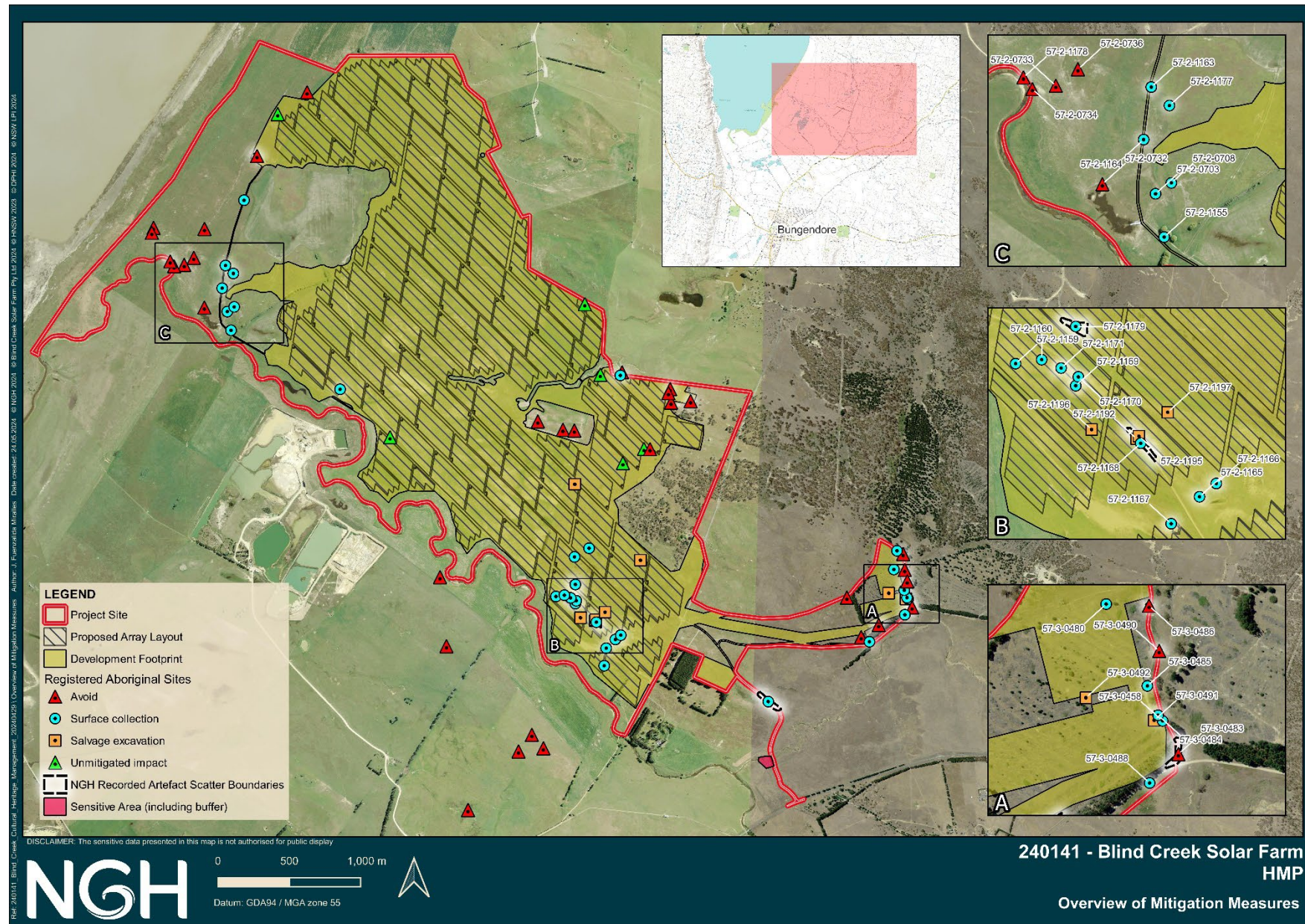


Figure 3-1 Overview of mitigation measures of known Aboriginal sites as listed in the CoA.

The Aboriginal heritage items listed in Table 2 of Appendix 4 of the CoA (see Appendix B of this document)—which are referred to in Condition B20 of Schedule 2 Part B of the CoA—that are to be subject to either surface or subsurface salvage collection if impacts cannot be avoided are listed in Table 3-3 and shown in Figure 3-1. A more detailed view of the general landform areas for the representative subsurface salvage excavations are also shown in Figure 3-2 below.

These sites were all determined as part of the ACHAR (NGH Pty Ltd 2022b) and Addendum ACHAR (NGH Pty Ltd 2022c) undertaken for the Project to be unable to avoided by impacts through the development of the Project. However, in the event that the approved development footprint for the Project has changed from that assessed in the ACHA and Addendum ACHA, only those sites which are listed below and are within the land approved for this development may be subject to salvage via either surface collection or salvage excavation.

Table 3-3 Aboriginal heritage items listed in Table 2 of Appendix 4 of the CoA to be salvaged if they cannot be avoided by the development.

Item Name	AHIMS Site Name	CoA Requirements
57-2-1184	BCSF: BCT Transect 1	Representative subsurface salvage excavation of landform
57-2-1189	BCSF: Cluster 16	Representative subsurface salvage excavation of landform
57-2-1192	BCSF: Isolated Pit 4	Representative subsurface salvage excavation of landform
57-2-1195	BCSF: Isolated Pit 3 (A-C)	Representative subsurface salvage excavation of landform
57-2-1196	BCSF: Cluster 3	Representative subsurface salvage excavation of landform
57-2-1197	BCSF: Cluster 4	Representative subsurface salvage excavation of landform
57-3-0491	BCSF: Cluster 15	Representative subsurface salvage excavation of landform
57-3-	BCSF:	Representative salvage

Item Name	AHIMS Site Name	CoA Requirements
0492	Transect 6	excavation of landform
57-2-0059	Lakelands;	Surface collection
57-2-0703	CWF2-IF-03	Surface collection
57-2-0707	CWF2-IF-07	Surface collection
57-2-0708	CWF2-IF-08	Surface collection
57-2-1155	BCSF: Isolated Find 1	Surface collection
57-2-1156	BCSF: Isolated Find 2	Surface collection
57-2-1157	BCSF: Isolated Find 3	Surface collection
57-2-1159	BCSF: Isolated Find 6	Surface collection

Item Name	AHIMS Site Name	CoA Requirements
57-2-1160	BCSF: Isolated Find 7	Surface collection
57-2-1163	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 7	Surface collection
57-2-1164	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 8	Surface collection
57-2-1165	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 9	Surface collection
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57-2-1169	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 13	Surface collection
57-2-1170	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 14	Surface collection
57-2-1171	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 15	Surface collection
57-2-1173	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 27	Surface collection

Item Name	AHIMS Site Name	CoA Requirements
57-2-1176	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 1	Surface collection
57-2-1177	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 2	Surface collection
57-2-1179	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 4	Surface collection
57-2-1180	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 5	Surface collection
57-3-0458	Bridge Ck SU2/L1	Surface collection
57-3-0480	BCSF: Isolated Find 4	Surface collection
57-3-0481	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 18	Surface collection
57-3-0484	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 21	Surface collection
57-3-0485	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 22	Surface collection
57-3-0488	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 26	Surface collection
57-3-0489	BCSF: Isolated Find 11	Surface collection

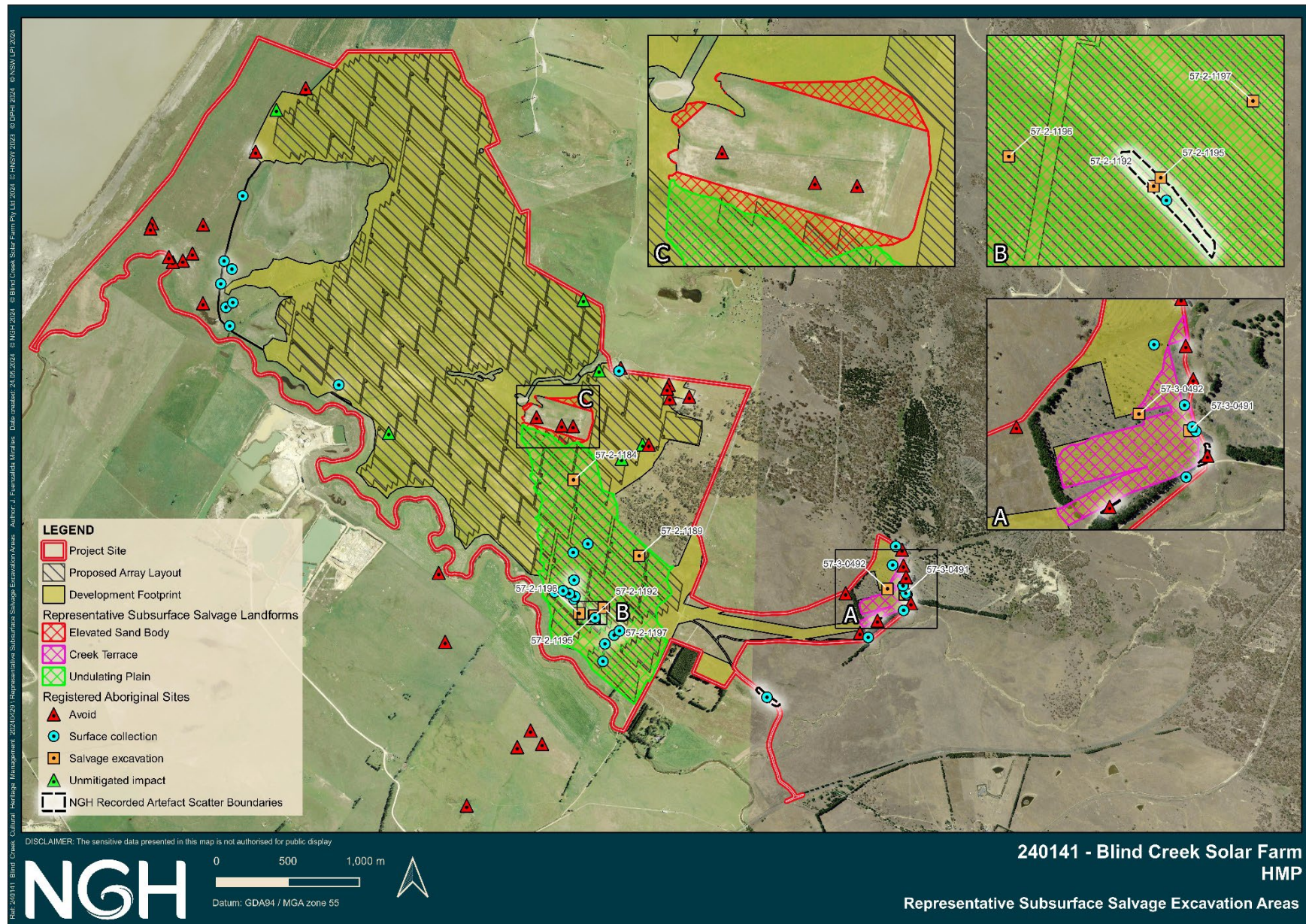


Figure 3-2 Location of general representative subsurface salvage excavation areas within the approved Development Footprint.

Furthermore, the ACHAR recommended that six sites—shown in Table 3-4 below and Figure 3-1 above—require no further investigation or mitigation and therefore may be subjected to unmitigated impacts. It should be noted that the anticipated impact to these six sites was taken into account when determining the recommendation for how much subsurface salvage should take place (NGH Pty Ltd 2022b, 2022c).

Table 3-4 Aboriginal heritage items that require no further mitigation measures.

Item Name	AHIMS Site Name	ACHAR Recommendation
57-2-0790	West Creek Dairy PAD 1	Unmitigated impact
57-2-1185	BCSF: BCT Cluster 1	Unmitigated impact
57-2-1190	BCSF: BCT Cluster 2	Unmitigated impact
57-2-1193	BCSF: Transect 7	Unmitigated impact
57-2-1194	BCSF: Transect 4	Unmitigated impact
57-2-1201	BCSF: Transect 2	Unmitigated impact

4. Consultation for the HMP

Condition B21(b) of Schedule 2 Part B of the CoA requires the HMP be prepared in consultation with Heritage NSW and Aboriginal Stakeholders. The consultation process for this Project began in 2021 for the ACHA. The consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders was undertaken in accordance with clause 80c of the *National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Aboriginal Objects and Aboriginal Places) Regulation 2010* following the consultation steps outlined in the ACHCRP guide. As a result of this process, 17 Aboriginal organisations were the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) for the Project as listed below and outlined in Appendix D.

- Ngambri Local Aboriginal Land Council.
- Buru Ngunawal Aboriginal Corporation
- Didge Ngunawal Clan
- Ngunawal Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
- PD Ngunawal Consultancy
- Kalari Ngunnawal Pajong Wallabalooa Descendants
- Karlari Ngunnawal Descendants
- Thunderstone Aboriginal Cultural and Land Management Services Aboriginal Corporation
- Freeman and Marx
- Muragadi Heritage Indigenous Corporation
- Murri Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation
- Merrigarn Indigenous Corporation
- Yurwang Gundana Consultancy Cultural Heritage Services
- Oak Hill Enterprises
- Group Name Withheld #1
- Group Name Withheld #2
- Group Name Withheld #3

The HMP was provided as a draft to the RAPs for comment. Responses were received from only two RAP groups and are summarised below.

On 23rd June 2024, one of the entities that wished not to have their name disclosed indicated that they reviewed the draft and acknowledged the process outlined and had no further comment.

On the 5th July 2024, Buru Ngunawal Aboriginal Corporation (BNAC) provided a response with some general and other more specific comments on the draft HMP. BNAC indicated that overall they agreed with the proposed draft and in particular Section 8 detailing the Compliance Management. They also noted the ongoing importance of the cultural landscape and connection to the land that all Aboriginal people have.

There were some specific details in the response that BNAC drew to our attention relating to how some elements of the plan and the project overall would be implemented. Some of these are confidential and some are not strictly related to the management of the physical cultural heritage sites within the project and therefore not all required alteration of the HMP. NGH provided a response to BNAC on 31st July 2014 addressing their comments (due to cultural sensitivities this response is not included in this HMP) and noting where they had been incorporated into the HMP or clarified where they had not been and seeking any further response. The main points raised by BNAC and addressed or amended or noted in this HMP were:

- The extent of fenced buffer zones around sites (addressed in section 3.2 of this HMP).
- How the Environmental Officer would undertake site inspections (addressed section 8 and Appendix H).

- Nature of the proposed native screening plantings is not referenced (addressed now in Table 7-1).
 - The proponent (Octopus Investments Australia) has informed us that the landscape management plan has not been finalised yet. However, when they appoint an EPC contractor they would expect that plan finished by late 2024. They will relay all the comments regarding the use of native vegetation and planting methods (as detailed in the ACHAs) to the EPC contractor who will then work them into the landscape management plan.

NGH also provided Buru Ngunawal with a further opportunity to respond to our response up until submission of this HMP to DPHI but no further correspondence was received and no other responses were received from other RAPs.

Representatives from the RAPs (as selected by the Project owner and/or construction contractor) would be provided with the opportunity to assist the Project Archaeologist with the salvage programme and relocation of the salvaged objects. Generally, a minimum of two representatives from the RAPs would be invited to participate in the salvage programme and the relocation of the Aboriginal objects. If representatives from the RAPs are not available to participate and all reasonable opportunities have been afforded, the collection and relocation of Aboriginal objects would continue as scheduled by the Project Archaeologist.

As per Condition B21(c) (v) of Schedule 2 Part B of the CoA, consultation with the Project RAPs would be ongoing during implementation of the Plan. Consultation would occur under the following circumstances:

- Where there is a non-compliance or incident regarding Aboriginal heritage;
- Where there are possible Aboriginal human remains found;
- If there are substantial changes to the project footprint resulting in a Modification application;
- If there are substantive updates to the HMP through review and improvement.

It is not considered necessary to consult with RAPs relating to minor updates of the HMP or audit results.

Consultation with the RAPs will generally be provided in writing via email by the Project's Environmental Manager and/or their representative as required. All consultation with the RAPs must be recorded in a log to ensure auditable compliance.

On the 12th September 2024, Heritage NSW provided a letter to NGH with the following comments on this plan:

"Heritage NSW has reviewed the HMP and supports the mitigation and management measures outlined in the document; however, the following minor updates are required:

- *Section 8.6 states that "Instances of non-compliance and/or incident notification will be recorded and raised as per the CoA Schedule 2 Part C Condition C11 to C13". Please clarify whether this sentence should be amended to refer to Condition C10 to C13 to include the Condition relating to Incident Notification.*
- *Heritage NSW recommends that the 'Representative Subsurface Salvage Excavations' methodology presented in Appendix E.2 be updated to include provisions for utilising alternative dating methods, such as Optically Stimulated Luminescence (OSL), to date stratified deposits or in-situ cultural features in the absence of charcoal and or other organic material."*

In response to comments provided by Heritage NSW NGH updated the text in the document to read "...as per the CoA Schedule 2 Part C Condition C10 to C13" in Section 8.6. In response to the second point, NGH updated the text in Appendix E.2 to reflect the suggestion made by Heritage NSW reading alternative dating methods. After the document was updated, the HMP was reuploaded to the Major Projects portal—NGH received confirmation of the receipt of the document on the 16th of September 2024. No further comments from Heritage NSW were provided.

5. Heritage context

In regard to Aboriginal heritage, a total of 11 surface isolated finds, 2 subsurface isolated finds, 27 surface artefact scatters, and 19 subsurface artefact scatters were recorded. This was in addition to the 17 previously registered AHIMS sites within the Project Area; of these five were surface isolated finds, 10 were surface artefact scatters, one was a subsurface artefact scatter, and one was a Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD). Any areas of PAD which were initially determined to be unable to be avoided by the proposed development were subject to subsurface test excavation following the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (NGH Pty Ltd 2022b). The previously registered PAD did not contain any subsurface artefacts but is still listed as a site in the AHIMS Register. A total of 409 stone artefacts were recovered from 61 of the 127 excavated test pits; resulting in the identification of 21 new subsurface sites.

The raw material types identified within the test excavation programme were varied, but they were typical of the broader region. They included quartz, silcrete, and chert, as well as smaller numbers of crystal quartz, quartzite, and basalt. While quartz is a very common raw material in the area, the other raw materials were likely to have been imported from outside of the southern Lake George region. The stone artefacts recorded during the assessment were also generally typical of the artefact assemblages of the Lake George region. The cultural material recovered from the subsurface testing programme will be managed in accordance with long term management of sites as noted in Section 7.2 of this HMP.

The artefact bearing deposits were the densest between 0 to 60 cm, with 92.42% (n=378) of the subsurface assemblage being identified within this depth range. However, it should be noted that artefact bearing deposits extended deeper in several test pits, with 7.09% (n=29) of the assemblage being located between 50 to 80 cm. Only two artefacts (0.49%) were recovered from the 80 to 100 cm depth range, both of which were from a single test pit on the elevated sand body landform, now excised from the development footprint.

As part of the ACHAR assessment, NGH also developed an archaeological predictive model based on the landforms identified within the Project Site. Of the 17 landforms identified, artefacts were present on the surface of 13 of the landforms. Subsurface artefacts were identified within 9 of the 10 landforms that were subjected to test excavations. Based on the results of the ACHA assessment, the project footprint was amended to avoid or reduce the impact of the Project on Aboriginal heritage.

The distribution of surface stone artefacts and those recovered during the test excavations suggest that the Project Site generally contains isolated surface artefacts and areas of low to high density surface and subsurface artefact scatters. These represent both intermittent camping, hunting, and gathering by Aboriginal people but also discrete 'workshop' or knapping areas, which are representative of more repeated and intensive occupational periods. This is supported by the high number of Aboriginal sites—some of which contain several hundred or thousand artefacts at densities up to 200 artefacts/m²—that have been previously identified in the region.

The surface or subsurface salvage of any Aboriginal heritage items (as approved in the CoA) that cannot be avoided by the development of the solar farm will be carried out in line with the salvage methodology outlined in Appendix E and in accordance with long term management of sites as noted in Section 7.2 of this HMP. All reasonable attempts, through the visual inspection of the site area by an archaeologist with Aboriginal community representatives, must be made to relocate the originally recorded surface stone artefacts. However, it is acknowledged that changes in the ground surface visibility and standard taphonomic and other environmental factors may impede the relocation of all the recorded stone artefacts noted in the ACHA. This is a typical and accepted archaeological phenomenon and therefore salvage surface collection would focus on visible artefacts within each site.

6. Heritage mapping

Mapping of the known Aboriginal heritage items are shown below in Figure 6-1 via site type.

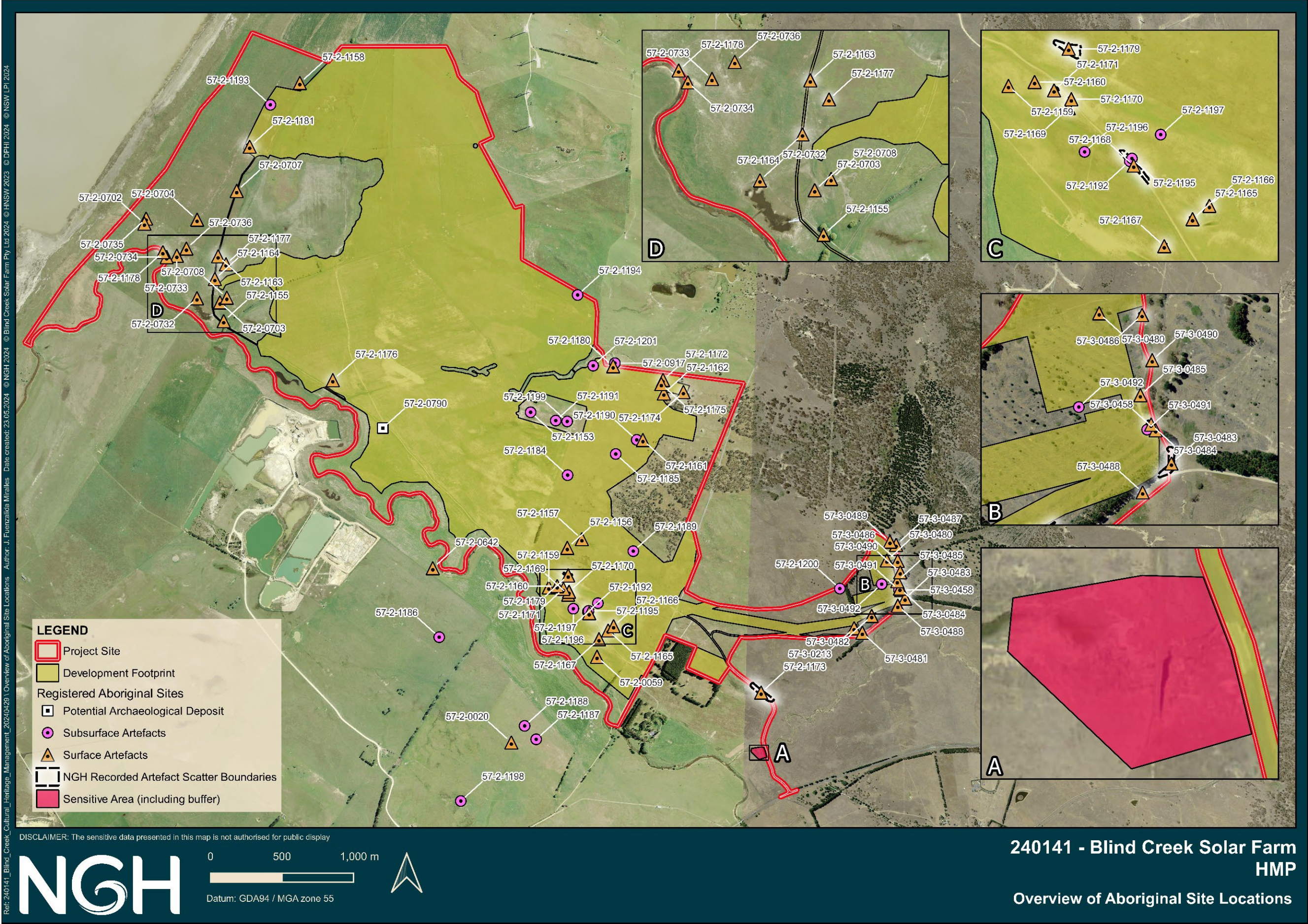


Figure 6-1 Location of known Aboriginal sites with the Project Area.

7. Heritage control measures

A range of mitigation requirements and control measures are identified in the CoA, EIS, RtS and ACHA undertaken for the Project. Specific measures and requirements to address impacts to heritage values are outlined in Table 7-1. The measures have been listed to cover broad activities throughout the project life and as such there may be some repetition of mitigation measures. The activities required for the development of the Project have been generally grouped into the categories of design, pre-construction, construction, operation and decommissioning and therefore not all individual activities are listed in this table however all Project activities should be grouped into the most appropriate overarching activity category.

Table 7-1 Heritage control measure as required under the CoA, EIS, RtS and ACHA in relation to the Project.

Measure/Requirement	Resources Needed	When to Implement	Responsibility	References
General				
Implementation of an approved Heritage Management Plan.	This document	Pre-construction Construction Operation Decommissioning	EPC Contractor Project Manager	This document
All reasonable and feasible measures must be implemented to prevent and/or minimise any material harm to the environment, including Aboriginal objects, that may result from the construction, operation, upgrading or decommissioning of the development.	This document	Pre-construction Construction Operation Decommissioning	EPC Contractor Project Manager	This document
Throughout the development of this Project any requirements from the Planning Secretary that may arise from their assessment of any strategies, plans or correspondence that are submitted in accordance with the CoA must be complied with. Any requirements, actions or measures documented by the Planning Secretary following reports, reviews or audits regarding the compliance of the Project with the CoA must also be complied with.	This document Section 9.2 CoA	Pre-construction Construction Operation Decommissioning	Project Owner EPC Contractor Project Manager	This document CoA

Measure/Requirement	Resources Needed	When to Implement	Responsibility	References
Ensure the development does not cause any direct or indirect impacts on the Aboriginal heritage items identified in the CoA as sites to avoid or other sites located outside the approved development footprint. This must be considered for all works including but not limited to, pre-construction, construction, landscape planting, erosion and soil management and road upgrades both within and outside the approved development footprint. Any works that are to occur outside the approved development footprint will require a modification.	This document CoA	Design Pre-construction Construction Operation Decommissioning	Project Owner EPC Contractor Project Manager	This document CoA
A copy of the HMP should be kept on site during construction and operation of the Project and be readily available for reference if and as required.	This document	Pre-construction Construction Operation Decommissioning	EPC Contractor Project Manager	This document
All employees, contractors and utility staff working on site will receive Aboriginal Heritage Training in the form of an induction before they begin work on site. A record of this training as part of the site induction process will be kept.	Induction package	Pre-Construction Construction Operation Decommissioning	Project Manager Environmental Officer EPC Contractor	This document Section 8.2 and CoA B21 Schedule 2B
The induction material relating to Aboriginal heritage will be reviewed by the RAPs prior to its use as part of the Project's induction material. This is to ensure the information provided is culturally appropriate and relevant to the Project.	Induction package	Pre-Construction	Project Manager Environmental Officer EPC Contractor	This document Section 8.2

Measure/Requirement	Resources Needed	When to Implement	Responsibility	References
A strategy for the long-term management of any items or material that are salvaged would be developed in consultation with the registered Aboriginal parties. If the artefacts are to be reburied, the relocation site is required to be outside the development footprint but inside the development approval area—avoiding known Aboriginal sites not approved for impacts—and would be undertaken with representatives of the RAPs.	CoA Heritage reports This Document	Pre-construction	Project Manager Environmental Officer Project Archaeologist	This document Appendix E and Section 7.2
Further archaeological assessment would be required if the Project activity extends beyond the approved development footprint. In the event that new or modified works are required heritage impacts must be appropriately considered. This would include consultation with the registered Aboriginal parties and may include further field survey and subsurface testing.	Heritage reports CoA	Design Pre-construction Construction Operation	Project Owner EPC Contractor Project Manager	CoA Heritage reports This document
The location of all Aboriginal sites which are not approved for impacts should be clearly shown on all relevant construction mapping and plans and include buffer zones.	Construction mapping and plans	Pre-construction Construction Operation Decommissioning	EPC Contractor Project Manager	This document and construction mapping and plans
Cultural Heritage must be included within any major environmental audit for the Project.	CoA This document	Pre-construction Construction Operation Decommissioning	Independent Auditor Project Manager	This document Section 8.4
Consultation with the RAPs would be ongoing during implementation of the HMP unless the RAPs request to no longer be contacted. All consultation with the RAPs must be recorded in a log to ensure auditable compliance.	RAP contact details	Pre-construction Construction Decommissioning	Project Manager Environmental Officer	This document Section 4 and Appendix D

Measure/Requirement	Resources Needed	When to Implement	Responsibility	References
Design				
All Aboriginal sites that will not be subject to impacts—and are within 50 m of the approved Development Footprint—must be temporarily demarcated with a minimum 5 m buffer until such a time as the construction of the solar farm has been completed. This includes the area of high sensitivity that is excised from the Development Footprint surrounding AHIMS# 57-2-1153, # 57-2-1191, # 57-2-1199 to ensure that there are no inadvertent impacts to this area of archaeological and cultural significance.	Heritage reports	Design Pre-construction Construction Operation	Project Owner EPC Contractor Project Manager Environmental Officer	This document. Table 3-2 Section 8.3
A stock fence must be installed in a 15 m buffer around the Trigonometrical Survey Station, an area that has already been excised from the Development Footprint.	Heritage reports	Design Pre-construction Construction Operation	Project Owner EPC Contractor Project Manager Environmental Officer	This document. Section 8.3
BCSF Cultural Site (AHIMS# 57-2-1154), must be avoided by all activity, a buffer of 50 m either side of the Blind Creek Road Crossing must be demarcated.	Heritage reports	Design Pre-construction Construction Operation	Project Owner EPC Contractor Project Manager Environmental Officer	This document. Figure 6-1 Section 8.3
Screen planting for vegetation buffers should consider opportunities and use or appropriate native vegetation for the local landscape.	Vegetation Management Plan	Design Construction	Project Owner EPC Contractor	This document Vegetation Management Plan

Measure/Requirement	Resources Needed	When to Implement	Responsibility	References
PRE-CONSTRUCTION				
Ensure that the development avoids any direct or indirect impacts on the Aboriginal heritage items prior to the salvage of each site approved for impacts. Until the surface and subsurface salvage has occurred at the sites approved for impacts (as listed in the CoA), a minimum 5 m buffer must be observed around each stone artefact site. No construction works can commence until the completion of the surface and subsurface salvage within the approved development footprint.	This document CoA	Pre-construction Construction Operation Decommissioning	Project Owner EPC Contractor Project Manager	This document CoA
In the event that any pre-construction works are required to occur prior to the completion of the salvage of the sites approved for impacts, a qualified archaeologist is required on site to identify and ensure appropriate buffer zones are established (including scattered stone artefacts) prior to the works taking place. Heritage must be included in the inductions prior to any pre-construction works occurring to ensure all staff are aware of the works area, the unexpected finds procedure and the required avoidance of all valid Aboriginal sites.	This document	Pre-construction Construction Operation Decommissioning	Project Owner EPC Contractor Project Manager	This document CoA

Measure/Requirement	Resources Needed	When to Implement	Responsibility	References
A reasonable attempt must be undertaken to collect any visible surface stone artefacts (as per the CoA list of Aboriginal sites to be salvaged if impacts cannot be avoided within the approved development footprint). It is acknowledged that changes in the ground surface visibility and standard taphonomic and other environmental factors may impede the relocation of all the recorded stone artefacts noted in the ACHA. This is a typical and accepted archaeological phenomenon and therefore salvage collection would focus on visible artefacts within each site. In the event that previously recorded artefacts are unable to be found after reasonable efforts, this will not be deemed as a non-compliance.	Code of Practice Heritage reports HMP CoA	Pre-construction Construction	EPC Contractor Project Manager Project archaeologist	This document Section 3.2 Appendix E
Prior to construction, representative subsurface salvage excavation programme must be completed by qualified archaeologists and Aboriginal community representatives. The subsurface salvage excavations must take place within three identified landforms and where significant ground disturbance works are proposed within the approved development footprint. • Elevated Sand Body – between 10 to 30 m². • Undulating Plains – between 20 to 50 m² across two to three excavation areas. • Creek Terrace – between 5 to 10 m² within at least two excavation areas. The subsurface salvage excavations should target areas within the vicinity of previously identified subsurface artefact scatters (that are approved for impacts under the CoA) that will be subject to the significant ground disturbances. Options for the additional expansion of excavation areas of up to 20 m² are included in the salvage methodology.	Code of Practice Heritage reports HMP CoA	Pre-construction Construction	EPC Contractor Project Manager Project archaeologist	This document Section 3.2 Appendix E

Measure/Requirement	Resources Needed	When to Implement	Responsibility	References
All Aboriginal objects collected during the surface and subsurface salvage—as well as those in temporary storage from the ACHAR test excavations—must be returned to a relocation/reburial site within the Project Site and outside of the Development Footprint. A minimum 5 m buffer zone is required to be placed around the relocation/reburial site to ensure the site will not be impacted into the future. Any relocation/reburial sites are required to be included in the inspection and monitoring that will occur fortnightly during construction by the Environmental Officer and every 12 months thereafter.	HMP	Pre-construction Construction Operational	EPC Contractor Environmental Officer	This document Section 7.2 Section 8.3
A new site card/s must be completed on the AHIMS database for the relocation/reburial location of the salvaged sites. This must occur within 1 month of the actions being completed for the reburial of the salvaged sites.	Code of Practice	Pre-construction	Project archaeologist	Code of Practice Section 7.2
An Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form (ASIRF) will be completed and submitted to AHIMS for any site harmed or destroyed from salvage and/or construction works.	Code of Practice Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form	Pre-construction	Project Manager Project archaeologist	Code of Practice Section 7.2
Construction				
Where any additional, unrecorded Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal objects are encountered during works within or outside the approved development footprint (Appendix A) the Unexpected Finds Procedure will be followed.	Unexpected Finds Procedure Site Plan CoA	Construction Operational Decommissioning	EPC Contractor Project Manager Environmental Officer All personnel	This document Unexpected Finds Procedure Appendix F

Measure/Requirement	Resources Needed	When to Implement	Responsibility	References
If human remains are discovered on site, then all work surrounding the area must cease immediately, the area must be secured, and NSW Police notified. The Unexpected Finds Procedure will be followed to notify Heritage NSW as soon as possible. Work must not recommence in the area until this is authorised by Heritage NSW and/or NSW Police.	Unexpected Finds Procedure	Construction Operational Decommissioning	EPC Contractor Project Manager Environmental Officer All personnel	This document Unexpected Finds Procedure Appendix F.1 Section 8.5.1
Should an item of historic heritage be identified during works, the Unexpected Finds Procedure will be followed. Heritage NSW would be contacted prior to further work being carried out in the vicinity of the historic heritage item.	Unexpected Finds Procedure	Construction Operational	EPC Contractor Project Manager Environmental Officer All personnel	This document Unexpected Finds Procedure Appendix F

7.1 Temporary/short term storage of artefacts

The stone artefacts previously recovered from the subsurface test excavation programme for this Project are currently in temporary care in a locked cabinet at the NGH office. The Aboriginal stone artefacts recovered from the surface collection and subsurface salvage programme—which are required to be undertaken prior to any development works—will be held in a secure locked cabinet at the NGH Canberra or Sydney offices for analysis and recording.

All Aboriginal artefacts recovered from the surface collection and subsurface salvage programme will be temporarily held together with those previously recovered from the subsurface test excavation programme at the NGH Canberra office until an appropriate time that it can be arranged for them to be relocated within the Project Area, outside of the approved development footprint.

7.2 Long term management and relocation of salvaged artefacts

The relocation site for Aboriginal artefacts salvaged via the surface collection and subsurface salvage programme—as well as for those previously recovered from the subsurface test excavation programme—would need to be agreed to by the landowner, Project owner, and RAPs. The relocation site is required to be outside the proposed approved development footprint within the Project Area and outside the required buffer zone around any Aboriginal sites not approved for impacts. At this stage, all of the Aboriginal artefacts collected during the project are anticipated to be reburied in association with the Cultural Heritage Learning Zone. While the precise location of the Cultural Heritage Learning Zone is yet to be determined, it is anticipated to be on land associated with the project.

The site/s for relocation of salvaged Aboriginal objects would be noted by the submission of site card/s to the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS), as legally required, within three months from the reburial/relocation of the salvaged Aboriginal objects.

7.3 Post salvage requirements

An ASIRF must be completed and submitted to AHIMS following harm for each site collected or destroyed from the salvage and/or construction works. These would be completed and lodged by the project archaeologist. Following the relocation of the Aboriginal objects salvaged as per the CoA, the relocation site/s position will also be provided to the Project owner, Project team, and the EPC contractor to ensure the site/s are protected during the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Project. Following the relocation of salvaged Aboriginal objects, the site status database (see below) would be updated to show and/or include the relocation site/s. A minimum 5 m buffer zone is required to be placed and delineated around the artefact relocation site/s to ensure they won't be impacted into the future.

7.4 Heritage site status database

Prior to any works occurring onsite a database of all previously recorded Aboriginal heritage sites will be established for use by the Project Owner and the construction contractor and others as required. This database will include the following information as a minimum:

- AHIMS number of the site;
- Site name;
- CoA for the site;
- Status of the site;
- Date status of site updated on AHIMS;
- Comments; and

- GIS shape files showing the location and status of all recorded sites.

This database will be updated by the Site Environmental Officer (SEO) within one month following the salvage of a site and submission of impact site cards and/or if any new site cards within the Project Area are submitted to AHIMS. An example of the Heritage site status database for this Project is provided in Appendix H.1.

The SEO and site survey team coordinate access, updating, and the status of the shapefiles.

The purpose of this database is to ensure that the status of Aboriginal sites can be easily accessed by the SEO to ensure that appropriate heritage control measures and monitoring of any valid / *in situ* sites within the Project Area occurs during the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Project.

8. Compliance Management

8.1 Structure and responsibility

The organisational structure and overall roles and responsibilities, including those for contractors and sub-contractors, are outlined in the EMS. Specific responsibilities for the implementation of environmental controls in this document are summarised in Table 7-1 and the roles and responsibilities relevant to this plan are outlined in Table 8-1.

Table 8-1 Construction team roles and responsibilities.

Role	Responsibility	Authority and accountability
Project Owner's Project Manager	- Ensure resources are made available to enable works to comply with HMP and other environmental management requirements. - Fulfilling the Proponent's obligations under the CoA for the Project works. - Providing the contractor visibility and transparency to Project environmental requirements and commitments, to enable outcomes. - Advising or enabling environmental requirements and considerations in a timely manner. - Regularly monitoring environmental performance and maintaining visibility on work sites for environmental compliance. - Ensuring all Project activities are carried out in an environmentally responsible way, without environmental harm, and in compliance with the Project CoA. - Responsible for reporting incidents and non-compliance with the conditions of consent.	- Order Stop-work for an activity that may cause material or environmental harm, - Release of environmental hold points, if required. - Recommend Stop-work for an activity that may cause harm to Aboriginal objects.
EPC Contractor's Project Manager	- Ensure contractors are working in accordance with the requirements of the EMS, as required under the construction contract. - Provide resources for compliance management of heritage places. - Plan construction works in a manner that avoid or minimises impact to heritage. - Ensure construction personnel manage construction works in accordance with statutory and approval requirements. - Support the Site Environmental Officer in	- Report any incidents or near-misses that may impact on the heritage or breach conditions set-out in this plan of the EMS. - Recommend Stop-work for an activity that may cause harm to unexpected heritage objects. - Liaise with the Project owner and other Government authorities as required.

Role	Responsibility	Authority and accountability
	achieving the Project environmental objectives. • Ensure heritage management procedures and protection measures are implemented. • Ensure all Project personnel attend an induction prior to commencing works. • Report and raise any issues that arise that may have a heritage impact. • Report and raise the discovery of any new artefacts, Aboriginal artefacts or places.	
Health Safety and Environment (HSE) Advisor and Site Environmental Officer (SEO)	• Control field works and implement/maintain effective environmental controls. • Ensure all site workers are site inducted prior to commencement of works. The induction must include Aboriginal heritage obligations and an acknowledgement of Country. • Facilitating and developing the material for all environmental induction and toolbox talks for all site personnel. • Maintaining all environmental management documents. • Reporting of incidents. • Identifying where environmental measures are not meeting the targets and where improvements can be achieved. • Monitoring and reporting environmental compliance. • Reviewing Project environmental documents. • Maintain heritage site database and mapping.	• Recommend Stop-work for an activity that may cause material or environmental harm. • Release of environmental hold points, if required. • Recommend Stop-work for an activity that may cause harm to Aboriginal objects. • Notify environmental incidents and reportable events immediately and submit reports.
Project archaeologists	• Acting as specialist subcontractor as required. • Operate as instructed by the Project Manager/Project Owner in compliance with all environmental requirements.	• Undertake salvage works of sites as approved in the CoA and subsequent reporting, including impact site cards if applicable. • Inspection of unexpected finds as required. • Recommend Stop-work for an activity that may cause harm to Aboriginal objects.

Role	Responsibility	Authority and accountability
Wider Project team (including subcontractors)	- Complying with the relevant requirements of the HMP. - Participating in the mandatory Project/site induction program. - Reporting any heritage incidents to the site supervisor immediately or as soon as practicable if reasonable steps can be adopted to control the incident. - Be familiar with the unexpected finds procedure of this HMP.	Recommend Stop-work for an activity that may cause harm to Aboriginal objects.

Further details regarding specific responsibilities for the implementation of environmental and heritage controls are detailed in the EMS.

8.2 Training

To ensure that this HMP is effectively implemented, each level of management is responsible for ensuring that all personnel reporting to them are aware of the requirements of this plan.

All employees, contractors, sub-contractors, and utility staff working on site will receive Aboriginal Heritage Training. It will be provided to all personnel in the form of an induction before they begin work on site. This training will address elements related to Aboriginal cultural heritage management including:

- An acknowledgement of Ngunnawal and Ngambri Country.
- Include some cultural information to acknowledge the cultural significance of the local area.
- Aboriginal Heritage obligations for the Project and relevant legislation.
- Identify any no-go areas and management measures.
- Identify the procedure to follow in the event of an unexpected Aboriginal heritage item and/or unexpected historical relic and the discovery of human remains during works.

A record of training will be maintained by the HSE manager.

Training and/or cultural awareness will be developed in consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties or the local Aboriginal community to ensure that there is appropriate cultural content for the induction and training.

Targeted training in the form of toolbox talks or specific training will also be provided to personnel with a key role in heritage management. Examples of training topics include:

- Unexpected finds procedure.
- No-go areas and the delineation of heritage items which are listed in the CoA as sites which must be avoided.

An Aboriginal Cultural Awareness session should be conducted and recorded by a Ngunnawal/Ngambri knowledge holder/RAP for use as part of the heritage induction material.

A refresher induction and/or additional training will be implemented following any incident that involves heritage. If future revision of the HMP occurs consideration must be given as to whether a refresher induction and/or additional training will be undertaken.

8.3 Inspections and monitoring

Periodic inspection of the Aboriginal heritage sites located within the Project Site which are not approved to be impacted, as per the CoA, will take place for the duration of the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Project. The inspection of these sites that will occur fortnightly during construction by an appropriate person such as the SEO and every 12 months thereafter. Where these Aboriginal sites are located within 50 m of the approved Development Footprint, they will be demarcated by fencing (5 m buffer of site) to ensure that there are no inadvertent impacts to the sites during the construction of the Project.

Any stone artefacts collected and/ or recovered during the salvage program will be relocated and buried at a safe location outside the approved Development Footprint within the Project Site, or other long term management option as agreed to by the registered Aboriginal parties. The relocation site/s of the salvaged stone artefacts and subsurface artefacts recovered during the subsurface testing program will also be subject to fencing, monitoring and inspection—if located within 50 m of the approved Development Footprint—to ensure there are no inadvertent impacts during the construction of the Blind Creek Solar Farm. Inspection of the relocation site/s will occur fortnightly during construction by the Environmental Officer. All inspections of heritage sites will be undertaken following a reporting checklist (Appendix H.2).

8.4 Auditing

Audits (both internal and external) will be undertaken to assess the effectiveness of environmental controls, compliance with this sub plan and other relevant approvals, licenses, and guidelines.

Heritage must be included within any major environmental audit of impacts undertaken during the construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of works for the Project.

Audit requirements are to be detailed in the EMS and must comply with the CoA Schedule 2 Part C Conditions C14 to C19, as follows:

- C14. Independent Audits of the development must be conducted and carried out in accordance with the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020) to the following frequency:
 - (a) within 3 months of commencing construction; and
 - (b) within 3 months of commencement of operations.
- C15. Proposed independent auditors must be agreed to in writing by the Planning Secretary prior to the commencement of an Independent Audit.
- C16. The Planning Secretary may require the initial and subsequent Independent Audits to be undertaken at different times to those specified in condition C14 of Schedule 4 upon giving at least 4 weeks' notice to the Applicant at the date upon which the audit must be commenced.
- C17. In accordance with the specific requirements in the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020), the Applicant must:
 - (a) review and respond to each Independent Audit Report prepared under condition C14 of Schedule 4 of this consent, or condition C16 of Schedule 4 where notice is given by the Planning Secretary;
 - (b) submit the response to the Planning Secretary; and
 - (c) make each Independent Audit Report, and response to it, publicly available within 60 days of submission to the Planning Secretary. Unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.
- C18. Independent Audit Reports and the Applicant's response to audit findings must be submitted to the Planning NSW Government 17 Blind Creek Solar Farm Department of Planning and Environment (SSD-13166280) Secretary within 2 months of undertaking the independent audit site inspection as outlined in the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020) unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary.

- C19. Notwithstanding the requirements of the Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020), the Planning Secretary may approve a request for ongoing independent operational audits to be ceased, where it has been demonstrated to the Planning Secretary's satisfaction that independent operational audits have demonstrated operational compliance.

8.5 Contingency plan and reporting

The contingency plan and reporting requirements and responsibilities are documented below to comply with the CoA.

8.5.1 Contingency plan and reporting human remains

If any human remains or suspected human remains are discovered during any works, all activity in the area must cease immediately and the Unexpected Finds Protocol which is provided in Appendix F of this Plan must be followed to report the find. The NSW Police must be notified immediately. Details of the location and nature of the human remains must be provided to the relevant local police. If there are reasonable grounds to believe that the remains are Aboriginal, Heritage NSW must also be contacted as soon as practicable and you must provide any available details of the remains and their location. Heritage NSW Environmental Line can be contacted on 131 555. If the find is determined to be Aboriginal in origin Heritage NSW will provide advice on any additional reporting requirements.

Work must not recommence in the immediate area of any confirmed human remain until this is authorised in writing by to do so be the appropriate authority (i.e., Heritage NSW, DPHI, and/or NSW Police).

8.5.2 Contingency plan and reporting unexpected finds

If any previously unidentified heritage items are found the Unexpected Finds Protocol which is provided in Appendix F of this Plan must be followed to report the find. If impacts to the unexpected find is determined to be covered under the land approved for the development in the CoA the object/s will be salvaged in line with the mitigation and surface/subsurface salvage methods noted in the HMP. For Aboriginal objects covered under the CoA an AHIMS site card will be submitted upon the completion of the surface and/or subsurface salvage of the newly identified stone Aboriginal object/s. Should the Aboriginal stone object/s be salvaged under the CoA an ASIRF must also be completed and submitted to AHIMS.

8.6 Incident and non-compliance notification and reporting

Non-compliance is defined in the CoA as an occurrence, set of circumstances or development that is a breach of the consent but is not an incident.

An incident is defined in the CoA as a set of circumstances that causes or threatens to cause material harm to the environment. Material Harm is harm that:

- Involves actual or potential harm to the health or safety of human beings or to ecosystems that is not trivial; or
- Results in actual or potential loss or property damage of an amount, or amounts in aggregate, exceeding \$10,000 (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)

Instances of non-compliance and/or incident notification will be recorded and raised as per the CoA Schedule 2 Part C Condition C10 to C13.

Incident notification must be provided in writing via the Major Projects website immediately after the Applicant/ Project Owner becomes aware of an incident.

Written incident notification must:

Identify the development name and application number;

- Provide details of the incident (date, time, location, a brief description of what occurred and why it is classified as an incident);
- Identify how the incident was detected;
- Identify when the company became aware of the incident;
- Identify any actual or potential non-compliance with the CoA;
- Identify what immediate steps were taken in relation to the incident;
- Identify further action(s) that will be taken in relation to the incident; and
- Identify a project contact for further communication regarding the incident.

Within 30 days of the date on which the incident occurred (or as otherwise agreed to by the Planning Secretary), an incident report will be provided to the Planning Secretary and any relevant public authorities (as determined by the Planning Secretary). The Incident Report must include:

- A summary of the incident;
- Outcomes of an incident investigation, including identification of the cause of the incident;
- Details of the corrective and preventative actions that have been, or will be, implemented to address the incident and prevent recurrence; and
- Details of any communication with other stakeholders regarding the incident.

Non-compliances must be notified via the Major Project website portal within seven days of when the Applicant/ Project Owner becomes aware of any non-compliance. A non-compliance notification must identify the development name and the application number, set out the condition of consent that the development is non-compliant with, the way in which it does not comply and the reasons for the non-compliance (if known) and what actions have been, or will be, undertaken to address the non-compliance. A non-compliance that has been notified as an incident does not need to also be notified as a non-compliance.

9. Review and improvement

9.1 Continuous improvement

Continuous improvement of this Plan will be achieved when opportunities for improvement are identified. Any proposed improvement and/or changes to this Plan are required to be approved by the Planning Secretary prior to implementation.

The continuous improvement process will be designed to:

- Identify areas of opportunity for improvement of environmental management and performance.
- Determine the cause or causes of non-conformances and deficiencies.
- Develop and implement a plan of corrective and preventative action to address any non-conformances and deficiencies.
- Verify the effectiveness of the corrective and preventative actions.
- Document any changes in procedures resulting from process improvement.
- Make comparisons with objectives and targets.
- Occur prior to carrying out any upgrading or decommissioning activities onsite.

It is the responsibility of the project appointed Environment Manager or equivalent to ensure the Plan is improved.

9.2 HMP update and amendment

For the life of the Project, a hard copy of the most recent version of this Plan will be stored at the main site compound. It is the responsibility of the Environmental Manager to ensure this hard copy is the most recent version and to remove older versions of the plan once they are superseded at the main site compound.

The processes and plans described in the EMS may result in the need to update or revise this Plan. Any revision of the HMP is to ensure it incorporates any recommended measures to improve the environmental performance of the Project. Any proposed changes to this Plan are required to be approved by the Planning Secretary prior to implementation.

Instances which may trigger the revision or update of this Plan include:

- Prior to carrying out any upgrading or decommissioning activities on site.
- Updating of mapping following the completion of the salvage surface collection programme.
- Addressing requirements from the Planning Secretary following the assessment of any strategies, plans or correspondence that are submitted to DPHI in accordance with the CoA for the Project.
- Addressing any requirements, actions or measures requested by the Planning Secretary and/or DPHI following reports, reviews or audits regarding the compliance of the project.
- Following an incident or non-compliance matter relating to heritage.
- Following the approval of a modification to the CoA by the Planning Secretary which affects heritage and/or the control measure and mitigations listed in this Plan.

Prior to carrying out any upgrading or decommissioning activities on site the HMP will be updated to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary to comply with Schedule 2 Part A Condition A1.

A copy of the updated HMP with any changes, once approved by the Planning Secretary, will be distributed to all relevant stakeholders in accordance with the approved document control procedure (such as may be included in the EMS) and to the RAPs in circumstances as noted in Section 4 of this Plan.

In the instance of any modification to the CoA, the HMP will be reviewed within one month and if revisions of the plan are required the plan will be submitted to the Planning Secretary for approval and comply with the CoA Schedule 2 Part C Condition C2 (Revision of Strategies, Plans and Programs) and CoA Schedule 2 Part C Condition C3 (Staging, Combining, and Updating Strategies, Plans or Programs).

In the instance of an incident report (CoA Schedule 2 Part C Condition C10) or an audit report (CoA Schedule 2 Part C Condition C12) which notes non-compliance for Heritage, the HMP will be reviewed within 1 month and if revisions of the plan are required the plan will be submitted to the Planning Secretary for approval and comply with the CoA Schedule 2 Part C Condition C2 (Revision of Strategies, Plans and Programs) and CoA Schedule 2 Part C Condition C3 (Staging, Combining, and Updating Strategies, Plans or Programs). Responsibility for making changes to the HMP rests with the Environmental Manager but may require outsourced expertise from heritage professionals or others, which must be sought if required. If the changes are substantial, consultation with RAPs may also be required.

10. General project communications

The main point of contact with NSW government agencies for this Project will be via the Major Projects website.

While a number of steps will be implemented in order to engage with the Aboriginal community and other stakeholders throughout the various stages of the development, the main portals for community engagement will be via the Blind Creek Solar Farm website (<https://blindcreeksolarfarm.com.au/>). The website will be used to provide updates as relevant about the progress of the solar farm development.

The website will be regularly updated throughout all stages of the proposed development and include information such as:

- The final layout plans and general overview of the development.
- How complaints about the development can be made and a complaint handling procedure.
- Contact details of the Proponent or online contact form.
- A link to the Major Projects website is also provided, which contains information relating to:
 - The EIS;
 - Current statutory approvals for the development.
- Approved strategies, plans or programs required under the conditions of the consent;
- The proposed staging plans for the development if the construction, operation or decommissioning of the development is to be stage;
- A comprehensive summary of the monitoring results of the development, which have been reported in accordance with the various plans and programs approved under the conditions of the consent;
- How complaints about the development can be made;
- Any independent environmental audit, and the response to the recommendations in any audit; and
- Any other matter required by the Planning Secretary.

Consultation with the RAPs will generally be provided in writing via email by the Project's Environmental Manager and/or their representative as required.

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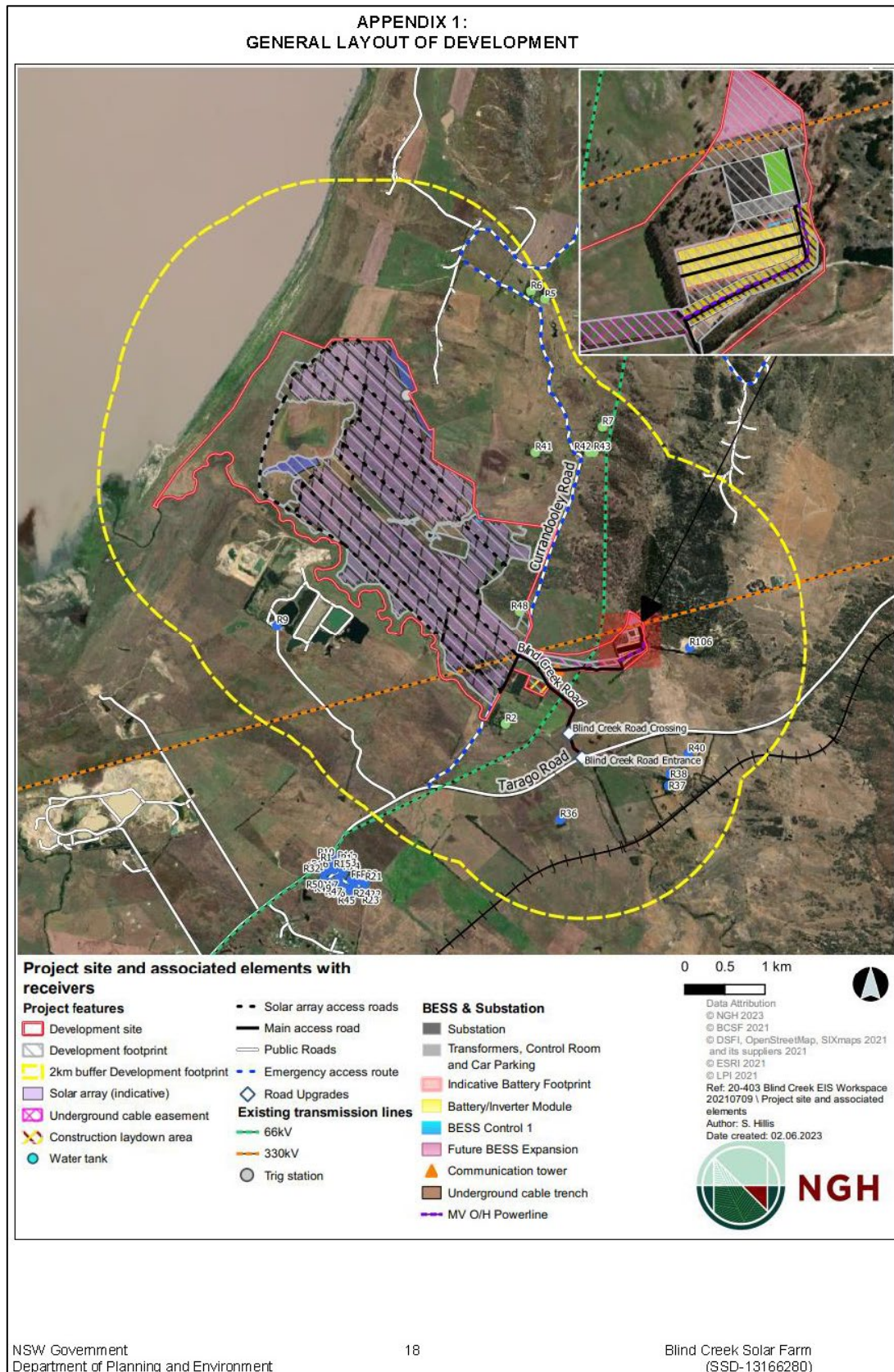
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Appendix A Approved layout of development and Schedule of Land



APPENDIX 2:
SCHEDULE OF LAND

Lot Number	Deposited Plan (DP)
E	38379
17	535180
1	456698
9	237079
2	1154765
1	237079
2	237079
3	237079
4	237079
1	456698
1	1154765

Note: The project site will also be taken to include any crown land and road reserves contained within the project site.

Appendix B Copy of consolidated development consent

Appendix 4 Aboriginal heritage items

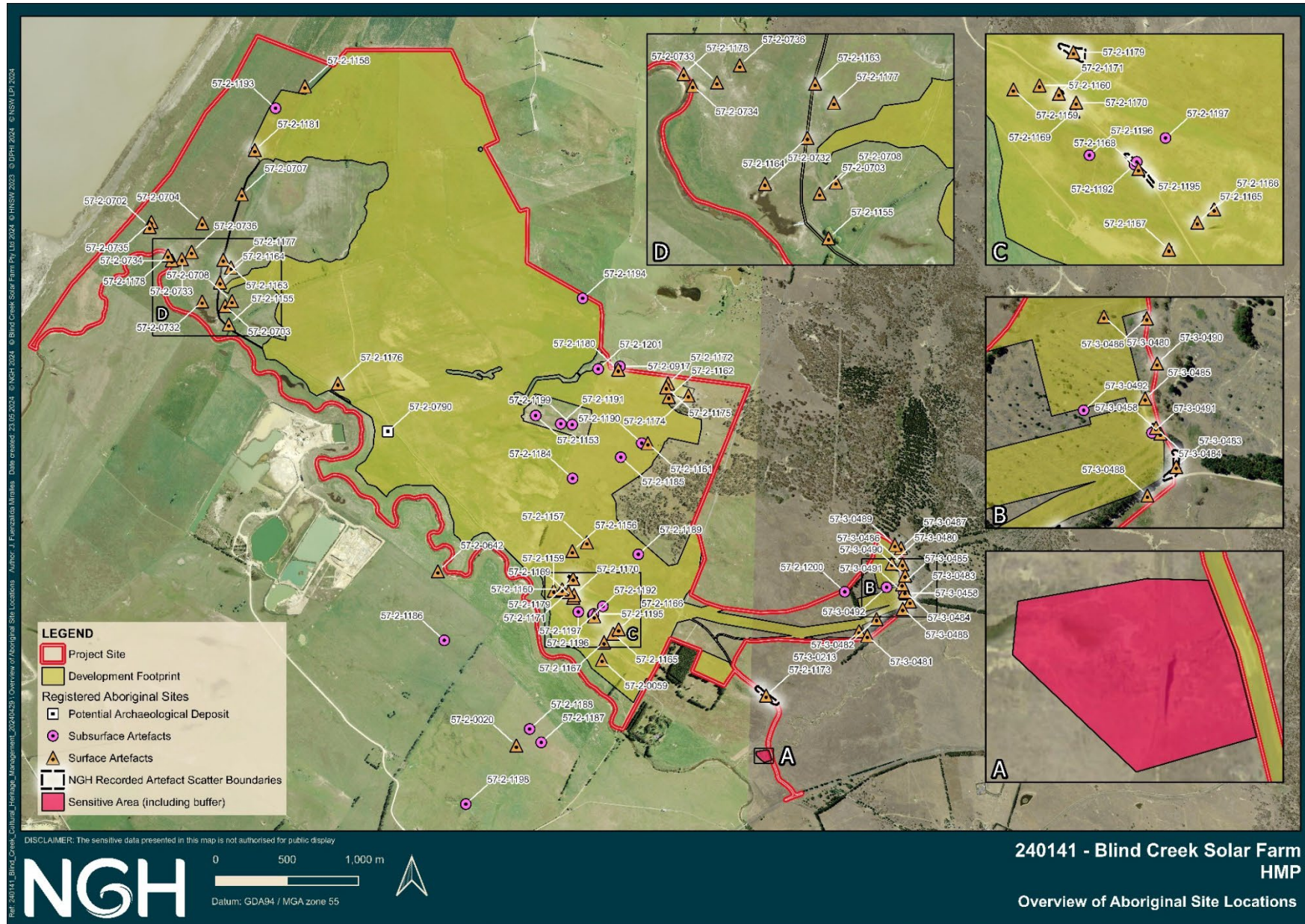
APPENDIX 4: ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ITEMS

Table 1: Aboriginal heritage items – avoid impacts

Item Name	Item Name
57-2-0020	57-2-1181
57-2-0702	57-2-1172
57-2-0704	57-2-1174
57-2-0917	57-3-0482
57-2-0642	57-3-0483
57-2-0732	57-3-0490
57-2-0733	57-3-0486
57-2-0734	57-3-0487
57-2-0735	57-2-1191
57-2-0736	57-2-1199
57-3-0213	57-2-1153
57-2-1158	57-2-1200
57-2-1161	57-2-1188
57-2-1162	57-2-1186
57-2-1175	57-2-1187
57-2-1178	57-2-1198

Table 2 | Aboriginal heritage items – salvage

Item Name	Item Name
57-2-0059	57-2-1169
57-2-0707	57-2-1170
57-3-0458	57-2-1171
57-2-1155	57-3-0481
57-2-1156	57-3-0484
57-2-1157	57-3-0485
57-3-0480	57-3-0488
57-2-1159	57-2-1173
57-2-1160	57-2-1196
57-3-0489	57-2-1197
57-2-1176	57-3-0491
57-2-1179	57-2-1189
57-2-1180	57-2-1184
57-2-1163	57-3-0492
57-2-1164	57-2-1195
57-2-1165	57-2-1192
57-2-1166	57-2-0703
57-2-1167	57-2-0708
57-2-1168	57-2-1177



Appendix C Endorsement of heritage experts

Department of Planning, Housing & Infrastructure



Our ref: SSD-13166280-PA-1

Domonic Osborne
EIS Representative
Blind Creek Solar Farm Pty Ltd
114 Currandooley Road
Lake George, NSW, 2621

27/06/2024

Subject: Blind Creek Solar – Endorsement of Heritage Management Plan Authors

Dear Mr. Osborne

I refer to your request dated 26 April 2024 for the Planning Secretary's endorsement of authors for the preparation of the Heritage Management Plan required by the Development Consent for Blind Creek Solar (SSD-13166280).

The Department has reviewed the nomination/s and information you have provided and is satisfied that the following experts are suitably qualified and experienced:

Matthew Barber	Technical Director	NGH
Kirsten Bradley	Principal Heritage Consultant	NGH
Dr Tessa Bryant	Senior Heritage Consultant	NGH
Jorge Fuenzalida Miralles	Senior Heritage Consultant	NGH

Accordingly, I can advise that the Planning Secretary endorses the appointment of the above authors for the Blind Creek Solar Heritage Management Plan.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Wayne Jones on (02) 6575 3406.

Yours sincerely

Iwan Davies
Director
Energy Assessments

As nominee of the Planning Secretary

Appendix D Stakeholder consultation

Consultation Step	Date	Note
Draft HMP to all RAPs	21/06/2024	Requested response by 5/07/2024 (2 weeks)
Response to NGH by Group Name Withheld #1	23/06/2024	Agreed with draft and process outlined
Reminder for close of responses	1/07/2024	Sent to all RAPs
Response to NGH by BNAC	5/07/2024	Agreed with HMP but also raised some questions for consideration
Response by NGH to BNAC	31/07/2024	Addressed comments and sought any further response
Request to BNAC for any further response	9/08/2024	Nil responses by 16/08/2024
Heritage NSW comments via the planning portal	12/09/2024 letter to NGH with comments	Heritage NSW has reviewed the HMP and supports the mitigation and management measures outlined in the document; however, the following minor updates are required: •Section 8.6 states that “Instances of non-compliance and/or incident notification will be recorded and raised as per the CoA Schedule 2 Part C Condition C11 to C13”. Please clarify whether this sentence should be amended to refer to Condition C10 to C13 to include the Condition relating to Incident Notification. •Heritage NSW recommends that the ‘Representative Subsurface Salvage Excavations’ methodology presented in Appendix E.2 be updated to include provisions for utilising alternative dating methods, such as Optically Stimulated Luminescence (OSL), to date stratified deposits or in-situ cultural features in the absence of charcoal and or other organic material.” In response to comments provided by Heritage NSW NGH updated the text in the document to and the HMP was reuploaded to the Major Projects portal— NGH received confirmation of the receipt of the document on the 16/09/ 2024. No further comments from Heritage NSW were provided.

ALL EMAILS ARE REDACTED FROM THE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DOCUMENT AND CAN BE PROVIDED ON REQUEST

Appendix E Salvage methodology

E.1 Surface salvage collection

Each Aboriginal site with surface stone artefacts that cannot be avoided within the approved development footprint as listed Table 2 of Appendix 6 in the CoA will need to be salvaged via surface collection prior to construction works commencing for the Project. These sites were all determined as part of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) undertaken for the Project to be unable to be avoided by impacts through the development of the Project. However, in the event that the approved development footprint for the Project has changed from that assessed in the ACHA only those known sites which are approved for impact that are within the approved development footprint will be subject to salvage via surface collection. Prior to undertaking surface collection fieldwork, the archaeologist undertaking the salvage work will confirm that the sites listed Table 2 of Appendix 4 in the CoA are still within the approved Development Footprint for the Project, and therefore are unable to be avoided by works thus requiring surface collection.

A reasonable attempt, through the visual inspection of the Aboriginal site/s listed in Table 2 of Appendix 4 in the CoA—and which are within the approved Development Footprint for the Project—will be undertaken by an archaeologist with an Aboriginal community representative, to collect any visible surface stone artefacts. It is acknowledged that changes in the ground surface visibility and standard taphonomic and other environmental factors may impede the relocation of all the recorded stone artefacts noted in the ACHAR. This is a typical and accepted archaeological phenomenon and therefore salvage collection would focus on visible artefacts within each site, which is an acceptable archaeological outcome. If any additional surface stone artefacts are identified within the approved development footprint these newly identified stone artefacts will be salvaged with the sites that they are associated with or in accordance with the Unexpected Finds Protocol (as listed in the HMP, Appendix F).

The salvage team will comprise of qualified archaeologists and selected members of the RAPs, who would also take the opportunity to examine the immediate surrounds of the recorded sites to identify any other artefacts that may be present within the approved development footprint.

The surface collection of the stone assemblage for each Aboriginal site within the approved development footprint as per the CoA, would be undertaken through the following process.

- Walk across the Aboriginal site area (within the approved Development Footprint), possibly using 'pin' flags to identify and mark artefacts.
- Photograph the Aboriginal site area.
- If considered necessary, construct a collection grid of 2 m x 2 m or 5 m x 5 m or similar as appropriate to the size of the site, only larger sites or sites with higher densities of artefacts will have this strategy.
- As an alternative, GPS plot artefacts if required, this is suitable for smaller sites (~<20).
- Collect artefacts. At each collection site the artefacts will be recorded, bagged, and labelled in accordance with their site number and collection position, that is either individual number and/or their collection grid.
- Recording of stone artefacts will be conducted in an office/laboratory setting, in line with standard archaeological practice to include raw material, type, dimensions, weight and any other characteristics considered relevant and in accordance with the Code of Practice. Photos of particularly rare or unusual items would be taken.
- The salvaged Aboriginal objects may be temporarily stored until the long-term management and relocation of the salvaged objects can occur.
- The site of the relocated salvaged Aboriginal objects would be noted by the submission of site cards to the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) as legally required.
- An Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form must be completed and submitted to AHIMS following harm for each site collected or destroyed from salvage.

E.2 Representative Subsurface Salvage Excavations

The salvage excavation will be undertaken by hand excavation to retrieve a suitable sample of Aboriginal stone artefacts across three landforms that were identified as containing moderate to high density of subsurface artefacts and where significant ground disturbances will occur during the construction of the solar farm. Subsurface salvage excavations would occur across approximately four to six open areas of various sizes. Across three landforms identified as having the highest artefact densities, the recommended excavation area size was:

- Elevated Sand Body – between 5 to 10 m² within one excavation area.
- Undulating Plains – between 20 to 50 m² across two to three excavation areas.
- Creek Terrace – between 10 to 30 m² across one or two excavation areas.

Options for the additional expansion of existing excavation areas or establishment of new excavation areas—up to 20 m²—should be considered if determined to be warranted by the archaeologist in consultation with the RAPs onsite.

The excavation would aim to ‘follow’ any high density artefactual presences to enable as much of a sample of stone artefacts to be recovered as possible prior to impacts across the three landforms within the Blind Creek Solar Farm. The salvage excavation will occur by establishing open excavation areas of a minimum 2 m x 2 m size, expanding in 1 m x 1 m squares in order to track high density artefactual presences within the approved Development Footprint. All excavations and sieving should be undertaken with the assistance of representatives from the registered Aboriginal Parties (as selected by the Principal, Project Manager and/or Principal Construction company).

Where a sufficient number of artefacts continue to be recovered, excavation would continue up to a point where a maximum total 110 m² area is achieved across the combined three landforms within the Blind Creek Solar Farm. Where artefacts are not found or where density numbers consistently drop below comparative pits, excavation would cease at the completion of the salvage providing at least one area with a minimum excavation area has been excavated.

Suitable datable material will be collected for the purposes of radiometric, Optically Stimulated Luminescence (OSL) dating, or other alternative dating methods (if warranted). Datable materials will be collected, bagged and clearly labelled. They will be temporarily stored in the NGH Canberra office in a locked cabinet before being sent to an appropriate Dating Laboratory for analysis. This will be done where it is considered warranted to answer questions about the taphonomy of the site and the relationship of cultural finds, especially where stratified deposits or *in-situ* cultural features are present.

Hand excavation will proceed in the open area/s through the following standard excavation methodology:

- Set out grid of 1 m squares, excavation will proceed in one square metre units, each of which will be assigned an alpha-numeric identifier.
- All excavation will be carried out using manual hand tools including shovels, crowbar, mattocks, and trowels.
- All excavation units will be in 10 cm spits down to either clay, a culturally sterile depth as determined by previous test excavation, the base of extant A horizon or until excavation is unable to continue deeper by hand or for safety reasons (whichever occurs first).
- If encountered, charcoal and or other organic material deemed suitable for radiocarbon dating will be collected using best practice guidelines.
- Pit stratigraphy for each excavation unit will be recorded using standard recording forms, terminology, and methods.
- Dry sieving or wet sieving, as deemed to be appropriate by an archaeologist, would be undertaken with all material processed through either a 5 mm or 3 mm sieve.

- Artefacts recovered from sieving will be retained in plastic zip lock bags and labelled with the appropriate provenance data.
- Representative and otherwise notable soil profiles if present will be photographed and drawn to scale as the excavation progresses.
- Once completed a photographic record of the entire excavation will be made and an overall site plan produced.
- All excavation units will be backfilled upon completion of the salvage program if required to be warranted by the Principal, project manager, construction company and/or landowner. If backfilling after wet sieving (if undertaken) is warranted this would be facilitated by the Principal, project manager and/or construction company.
- Analyse finds in lab to confirm if Aboriginal artefacts and then fully record Aboriginal stone objects in line with standard archaeological practice and in accordance with the Code of Practice.

E.3 Management of recovered material and reporting

The salvaged objects will be temporarily held at secure locked cabinet at a NGH office for analysis and recording until an appropriate time as they can be arranged to be relocated and buried within the Project Area, outside the approved Development Footprint. The temporary storage of salvaged objects, if required, is not intended to exceed 24 months from the conclusion of the salvage programme.

The relocation site for the Aboriginal objects which will be salvaged via the surface collection salvage programme, salvage excavation and those recovered from the subsurface testing programme which are currently in temporary care of NGH would need to be agreed to by the landowner, Project owner, Project Archaeologists and RAPs and be outside the proposed approved Development Footprint within the Project Area with a buffer zone. At this stage, all of the Aboriginal artefacts collected during the project are anticipated to be reburied in association with the Cultural Heritage Learning Zone. While the precise location of the Cultural Heritage Learning Zone is yet to be determined, it is anticipated to be on land associated with the project. The site/s for the relocation of salvaged Aboriginal objects would be noted by the submission of site cards to the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) as legally required.

Following the relocation of the Aboriginal objects, which have been salvaged as per the procedure in this HMP, the site location/s will also be provided to the Project owner, Project team, and the construction contractor to ensure the site/s are protected during the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project. The recording and relocation of artefacts will be compliant with the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigations*.

An Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form must be completed and submitted to AHIMS following harm for each site collected or destroyed from salvage and/or construction works. Representatives from the RAPs would be provided with the opportunity to assist the Project Archaeologist with the salvage programme and the relocation of the salvaged objects. Generally, a minimum of two representative from the RAPs would be invited to participate in the salvage programme and the relocation of the Aboriginal salvaged objects. If representatives from the RAPs are not available to participate and all reasonable opportunities have been afforded, the collection and relocation of Aboriginal objects, would continue as scheduled by the Project Archaeologist.

A salvage report will be prepared outlining the steps taken above. A copy of the report on the salvage and relocation of objects for the Project in line with the CoA would be provided to the Project Manager. The report will also be provided to Heritage NSW, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and the RAPs. A copy of the brief salvage report will be kept on site with a copy of the HMP. The report would document the salvage programme and its results. The report may also be used to inform the independent environmental audit, which would include heritage.

The salvage report would include, as applicable, the following:

- Introduction
- Purpose and objective
- Aboriginal involvement and consultation
- Surface collection salvage
 - Methodology
 - Results
 - Discussion
- Relocation and burial of salvaged objects
- Conclusions.

Appendix F Unexpected finds protocol

Introduction

This unexpected find protocol has been developed to provide a method for managing unexpected non-Aboriginal (historic) and Aboriginal heritage items identified during construction, maintenance, operation and decommissioning of the Project. The unexpected find protocol has been developed to ensure the successful delivery of the Project while adhering to the NSW *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act) and the *Heritage Act 1977* (Heritage Act).

All Aboriginal heritage objects are protected under the NPW Act Under Part 6 of the Act, though in a State Significant Development (SSD) Development Consent may be issued that allows for conditional harm to Aboriginal objects. However, there are some circumstances where despite undertaking appropriate heritage assessment prior to the commencement of works Aboriginal cultural heritage items or places are encountered that were not anticipated that may be of scientific and/or cultural significance.

Therefore, it is possible that unexpected heritage items may be identified during construction, operation, upgrade, decommissioning and maintenance works. If this happens the following unexpected find protocol will be implemented to avoid breaching obligations under the NPW Act. This unexpected find protocol provides guidance as to the circumstances under which finds may occur and the actions subsequently required.

What is a Heritage unexpected find?

An unexpected heritage find is defined as any possible Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal heritage object or place, that was not identified or predicted by the Project's heritage assessment and may not be covered by appropriate permits or development consent conditions. Such finds have potential to be culturally significant and may need to be assessed prior to development impact.

Unexpected heritage finds may include:

- Aboriginal stone artefacts, shell middens, modified trees, mounds, and hearths;
- Human skeletal remains; and
- Remains of historic structures and relics.

Aboriginal heritage places or objects

All Aboriginal objects are protected under the NSW *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act). An Aboriginal object is defined as:

Any deposit, object or material evidence (not being a handicraft made for sale) relating to the Aboriginal habitation of the area that comprises New South Wales, being habitation before or concurrent with the occupation of that area by persons on non-Aboriginal extraction and includes Aboriginal remains.

All Aboriginal objects are protected, and it is an offence to harm or desecrate an Aboriginal object or place without appropriate approval.

The Blind Creek Solar Farm project has approval to impact Aboriginal heritage objects, except human remains. The need to enact this Unexpected Finds Protocol should be triggered where there are:

- Substantial numbers of stone artefacts (approximately 20 artefacts/m²)
- Large or unusual items (e.g. grinding tools, axes)
- Cultural features (e.g. hearths/fireplaces)
- Features not recorded to date (e.g. middens – shell accumulations)

Historic heritage

The *Heritage Act 1977* protects relics which are defined as:

Any deposit, artefact, object or material evidence that relates to the settlement of the area that comprises NSW, not being Aboriginal settlement; and is of State or local heritage significance.

Unexpected find management procedure

In the event that any unexpected Aboriginal heritage places or objects or any substantial intact historic archaeological relics that may be of State or local significance are unexpectedly discovered during the Project, the following management protocols will be implemented. **Note: this process does not apply to human or suspected human remains. Follow Section Human Skeletal Remains below if remains or suspected remains are encountered.**

1. Works within the immediate identified heritage location will cease. Personnel should notify their supervisor of the find, who will notify the project manager.
2. Establish whether the unexpected find is located within an area covered by the approved development footprint, as per the CoA, or not.
3. **If the unexpected find is determined to be covered under the existing approved area of the development footprint, as per the Development Consent for the Project, undertake the following steps:**
 - (a) Establish an appropriate buffer to allow for the assessment and management of the find. All site personnel will be informed about the buffer zone with no further works to occur within the buffer zone until notified.
 - (b) A heritage specialist or the Project Archaeologist will be engaged to assess the Aboriginal place or object encountered and undertake appropriate salvage (generally surface collection) of the site/object, if required, in line with the mitigation methods noted in this HMP. An AHIMS site card may be completed or updated on the discovery of the newly identified Aboriginal objects / Aboriginal heritage items. Should the object(s) / heritage items be salvaged (within the approved development footprint as per the CoA for the Project) an Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form must also be completed and submitted to AHIMS.
 1. Salvage of Aboriginal heritage items would not include scarred trees. If previously unidentified scarred trees are identified, further consultation with Heritage NSW and Aboriginal stakeholders would need to be undertaken regarding management as avoidance is the preferred mitigation method for scarred trees.
 - (c) Following appropriate salvage of the unexpected find works may continue at this location when notified by the project archaeologist or heritage specialist.
4. **If the unexpected find is not covered under the existing approved development footprint, as per the Development Consent for the Project, undertake the following steps:**
 - (a) All works at this location must cease.
 - (b) An appropriate buffer zone of at least 20 metres to allow for the assessment and management of the find must be established. All site personnel will be informed about the buffer zone with no further works to occur until notified. A temporary exclusion area would be established around this buffer zone.
 - (c) A heritage specialist or the Project Archaeologist will be engaged to assess the Aboriginal place or object encountered. Registered Aboriginal Party representatives will also be engaged (if available) to assess the cultural significance of the place or object.

- (d) The discovery of an Aboriginal object will be reported to the local office of Heritage NSW and works will not recommence at the heritage place or object until advised to do so by Heritage NSW. A site card will be completed and submitted to AHIMS for registration.
- (e) If the unexpected find can be managed *in situ*, works at the location will not recommence until appropriate heritage management controls have been implemented, such as protective fencing.
- (f) If the unexpected find cannot be managed *in situ*, works at the heritage location will not recommence until further assessment is undertaken and appropriate permits and approvals to impact Aboriginal cultural heritage are approved and issued by Heritage NSW.

For historic relics, work must cease in the affected area and the Heritage Council must be notified in writing in accordance with section 146 of the *Heritage Act 1977*. To protect the historic relics until their significance can be determined high visibility markers or temporary fencing must be immediately placed a minimum of 20m around the location of the find by site personnel. Depending on the nature of the discovery, additional assessment may be required prior to the recommencement of work in the area. At a minimum, any find should be recorded by a heritage consultant.

F.1 Unexpected human skeletal remains

If any human remains or suspected human remains are discovered during any works, all activity in the area must cease immediately. The following plan describes the actions that must be taken in instances where human remains, or suspected human remains are discovered. Any such discovery at the activity area must follow these steps.

Discovery:

1. If any human remains or suspected human remains are found during any activity, works in the vicinity **must** cease and the Project Manager must be contacted immediately.
2. The remains must be left in place and protected from harm or damage. To protect the remains until their origins can be determined high visibility markers or temporary fencing which will not cause ground disturbance must be immediately placed a minimum of 20m around the location of the human remains or suspected human remains by site personnel. A minimum no work buffer zone radius of 50m must be implemented around the remains by taping off the area as an environmental sensitive zone.
3. All personnel should then leave the fenced off area immediately.
4. The Environmental Officer is responsible to ensure that these temporary measures are implemented onsite within 24 hours of identification.

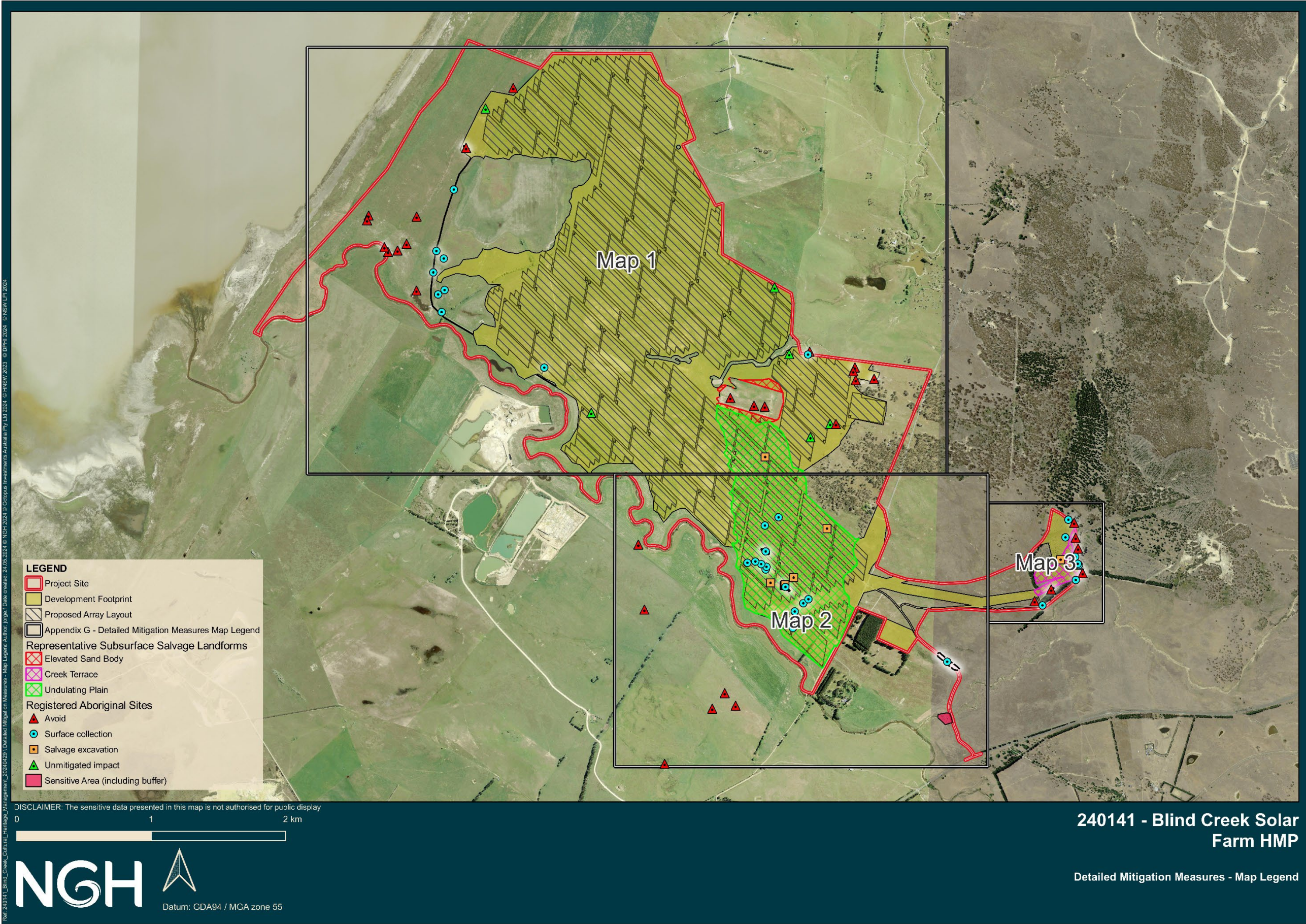
Notification:

1. The NSW Police must be notified immediately. Details of the location and nature of the human remains must be provided to the relevant authorities.
2. If there are reasonable grounds to believe that the remains are Aboriginal, the following must also occur:
 - a. Heritage NSW must be contacted as soon as practicable, and you must provide any available details of the remains and their location. Heritage NSW Environment Line can be contacted on 131 555.
 - b. The relevant Aboriginal community groups must be notified immediately when the remains are confirmed to be Aboriginal, as advised by Heritage NSW.
 - c. The relevant Project Archaeologist may be contacted to facilitate communication between the police, Heritage NSW and Aboriginal community groups.

Process:

1. If the remains are considered to be Aboriginal by the Police and Heritage NSW no work can recommence at the particular location unless authorised in writing by Heritage NSW
2. Recording of Aboriginal ancestral remains must be undertaken by, or be conducted under the direct supervision of, a specialist physical anthropologist or other suitably qualified person.
3. Archaeological reporting of Aboriginal ancestral remains must be undertaken by, or reviewed by, a specialist physical anthropologist or other suitably qualified person, with the intent of using respectful and appropriate language and treating the ancestral remains as the remains of Aboriginal people rather than as scientific specimens.
4. If the remains are considered to be Aboriginal by the Police and Heritage NSW, an appropriate management and mitigation, or salvage strategy will be implemented following further consultation with the Aboriginal community and Heritage NSW.

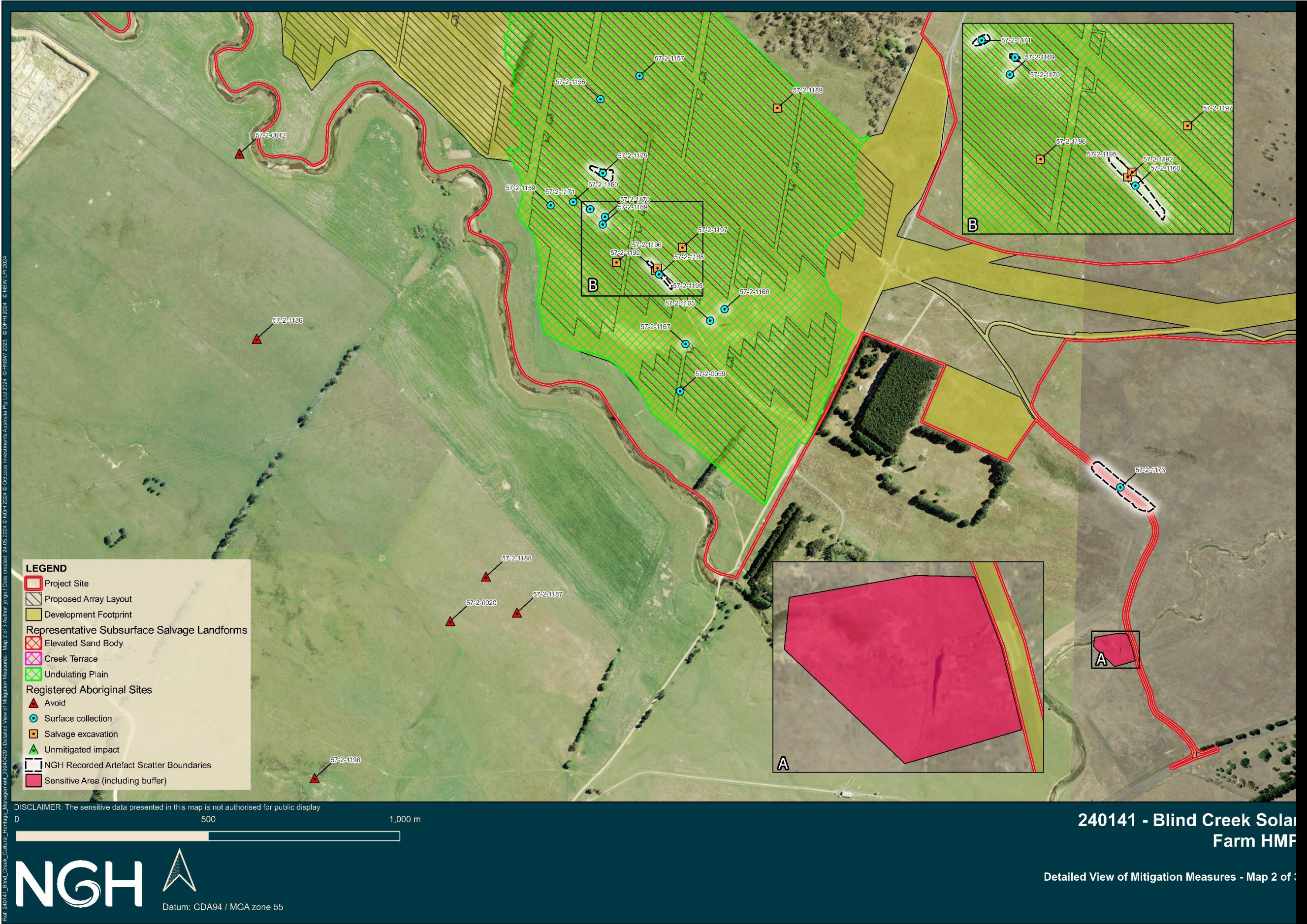
Appendix G Detailed map series of mitigation measures of known Aboriginal sites as listed in the CoA



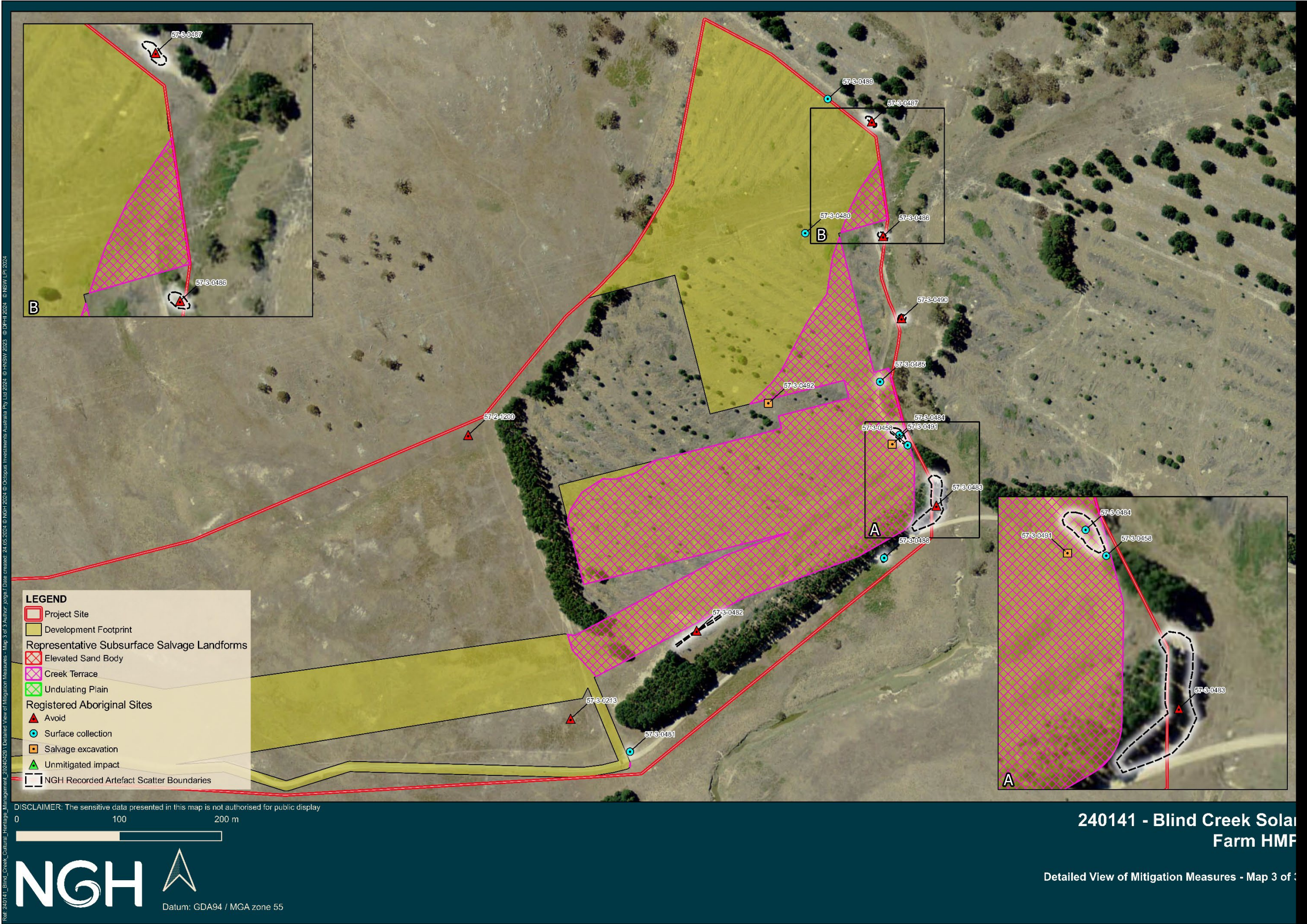
Appendix Figure G-1 Detailed mitigation measures map legend.



Appendix Figure G-2 Detailed view of mitigation measures for the Blind Creek Solar Farm - Map 1 of 3.



Appendix Figure G-3 Detailed view of mitigation measures for the Blind Creek Solar Farm - Map 2 of 3.



Appendix Figure G-4 Detailed view of mitigation measures for the Blind Creek Solar Farm - Map 3 of 3.

Appendix H Sample registers

H.1 Heritage site status database example

AHIMS#	AHIMS Site Name	Site Type	CoA Requirements	Site Status	Date Status of Site Updated on AHIMS	Comments
57-2-0020	Currandooly 2;Lake George;	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-0642	Grantham Park 3	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-0702	CWF2-IF-02	Surface Isolated Find	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-0704	CWF2-IF-04	Surface Isolated Find	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-0732	CWF2-S-01	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-0733	CWF2-S-02	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-0734	CWF2-S-03	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-0735	CWF2-S-04	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-0736	CWF2-S-05	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-0917	Willow Sands	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1153	BCSF: Cluster 8	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1158	BCSF: Isolated Find 5	Surface Isolated Find	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1161	BCSF: Isolated Find 8	Surface Isolated Find	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1162	BCSF: Isolated Find 9	Surface Isolated Find	Avoid Impacts	Valid		

AHIMS#	AHIMS Site Name	Site Type	CoA Requirements	Site Status	Date Status of Site Updated on AHIMS	Comments
57-2-1172	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 16	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1174	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 17	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1175	BCSF: Isolated Find 10	Surface Isolated Find	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1178	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 3	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1181	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 6	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1186	BCSF: Cluster 11	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1187	BCSF: Cluster 12	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1188	BCSF: Cluster 10	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1191	BCSF Cluster 6	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1198	BCSF: Transect 5	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1199	BCSF: Cluster 7	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1200	BCSF: Transect 3/Cluster 9	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-3-0213	Bridge Creek/Currandooly;	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-3-0482	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 19	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-3-0483	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 20	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		

AHIMS#	AHIMS Site Name	Site Type	CoA Requirements	Site Status	Date Status of Site Updated on AHIMS	Comments
57-3-0486	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 24	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-3-0487	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 25	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-3-0490	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 23	Surface Artefact Scatter	Avoid Impacts	Valid		
57-2-1184	BCSF: BCT Transect 1	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Representative subsurface salvage excavation of landform	Valid		
57-2-1189	BCSF: Cluster 16	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Representative subsurface salvage excavation of landform	Valid		
57-2-1192	BCSF: Isolated Pit 4	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Representative subsurface salvage excavation of landform	Valid		
57-2-1195	BCSF: Isolated Pit 3 (A-C)	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Representative subsurface salvage excavation of landform	Valid		
57-2-1196	BCSF: Cluster 3	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Representative subsurface salvage excavation of landform	Valid		
57-2-1197	BCSF: Cluster 4	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Representative subsurface salvage excavation of landform	Valid		
57-3-0491	BCSF: Cluster 15	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Representative subsurface salvage excavation of landform	Valid		

AHIMS#	AHIMS Site Name	Site Type	CoA Requirements	Site Status	Date Status of Site Updated on AHIMS	Comments
57-3-0492	BCSF: Transect 6	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Representative subsurface salvage excavation of landform	Valid		
57-2-0059	Lakelands;	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-0703	CWF2-IF-03	Surface Isolated Find	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-0707	CWF2-IF-07	Surface Isolated Find	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-0708	CWF2-IF-08	Surface Isolated Find	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1155	BCSF: Isolated Find 1	Surface Isolated Find	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1156	BCSF: Isolated Find 2	Surface Isolated Find	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1157	BCSF: Isolated Find 3	Surface Isolated Find	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1159	BCSF: Isolated Find 6	Surface Isolated Find	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1160	BCSF: Isolated Find 7	Surface Isolated Find	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1163	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 7	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1164	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 8	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1165	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 9	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1166	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 10	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		

AHIMS#	AHIMS Site Name	Site Type	CoA Requirements	Site Status	Date Status of Site Updated on AHIMS	Comments
57-2-1167	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 11	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
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57-2-1169	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 13	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1170	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 14	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1171	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 15	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1173	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 27	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1176	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 1	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1177	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 2	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1179	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 4	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-1180	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 5	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
57-3-0458	Bridge Ck SU2/L1	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
57-3-0480	BCSF: Isolated Find 4	Surface Isolated Find	Surface collection	Valid		
57-3-0481	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 18	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		

AHIMS#	AHIMS Site Name	Site Type	CoA Requirements	Site Status	Date Status of Site Updated on AHIMS	Comments
57-3-0484	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 21	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
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57-3-0488	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 26	Surface Artefact Scatter	Surface collection	Valid		
57-3-0489	BCSF: Isolated Find 11	Surface Isolated Find	Surface collection	Valid		
57-2-0790	West Creek Dairy PAD 1	Potential Archaeological Deposit	Unmitigated impact	Valid		
57-2-1185	BCSF: BCT Cluster 1	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Unmitigated impact	Valid		
57-2-1190	BCSF: Cluster 2	Subsurface Isolated Find	Unmitigated impact	Valid		
57-2-1193	BCSF: Transect 7	Subsurface Isolated Find	Unmitigated impact	Valid		
57-2-1194	BCSF: Transect 4	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Unmitigated impact	Valid		
57-2-1201	BCSF: Transect 2	Subsurface Artefact Scatter	Unmitigated impact	Valid		

H.2 Site inspection checklist - Aboriginal heritage

Project:	Blind Creek Solar Farm
Site inspection personnel:	
Date of visual inspection:	
Has the Heritage Site Status Database been checked prior to undertaking this inspection to ensure the checklist includes all valid/in situ Aboriginal sites in the Project Area?	☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what date was this undertaken:

Checklist item	List sites or any comments	Mark appropriate box (x)
List all valid/ in situ Aboriginal sites within the Project Area that have been visually inspected within the last 72 hours by the SEO.	Currandooly 2; Lake George;	☐ Yes ☐ No
	Grantham Park 3	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-IF-02	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-IF-04	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-S-01	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-S-02	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-S-03	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-S-04	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-S-05	☐ Yes ☐ No
	Willow Sands	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Cluster 8	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Isolated Find 5	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Isolated Find 8	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Isolated Find 9	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 16	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 17	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Isolated Find 10	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 3	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 6	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Cluster 11	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Cluster 12	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Cluster 10	☐ Yes ☐ No

Checklist item	List sites or any comments	Mark appropriate box (x)
	BCSF Cluster 6	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Transect 5	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Cluster 7	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Transect 3/Cluster 9	☐ Yes ☐ No
	Bridge Creek/Currandooly;	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 19	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 20	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 24	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 25	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 23	☐ Yes ☐ No
Is the valid/ <i>in situ</i> Aboriginal site clearly within a delineated area?	Currandooly 2;Lake George;	☐ Yes ☐ No
	Grantham Park 3	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-IF-02	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-IF-04	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-S-01	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-S-02	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-S-03	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-S-04	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-S-05	☐ Yes ☐ No
	Willow Sands	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Cluster 8	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Isolated Find 5	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Isolated Find 8	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Isolated Find 9	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 16	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 17	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Isolated Find 10	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 3	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 6	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Cluster 11	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Cluster 12	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Cluster 10	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF Cluster 6	☐ Yes ☐ No

Checklist item	List sites or any comments	Mark appropriate box (x)
	BCSF: Transect 5	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Cluster 7	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Transect 3/Cluster 9	☐ Yes ☐ No
	Bridge Creek/Currandooly;	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 19	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 20	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 24	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 25	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 23	☐ Yes ☐ No
If any valid/ <i>in situ</i> Aboriginal sites were not clearly delineated has the identified issues been fixed to ensure appropriate heritage controls are in place in line with the HMP?	Currandooly 2;Lake George;	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	Grantham Park 3	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	CWF2-IF-02	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	CWF2-IF-04	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	CWF2-S-01	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	CWF2-S-02	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	CWF2-S-03	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	CWF2-S-04	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	CWF2-S-05	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	Willow Sands	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Cluster 8	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Isolated Find 5	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Isolated Find 8	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Isolated Find 9	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 16	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 17	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Isolated Find 10	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 3	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 6	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Cluster 11	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Cluster 12	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Cluster 10	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF Cluster 6	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Transect 5	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Checklist item	List sites or any comments	Mark appropriate box (x)
	BCSF: Cluster 7	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Transect 3/Cluster 9	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	Bridge Creek/Currandooly;	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 19	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 20	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 24	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 25	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 23	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
Is there any evidence or knowledge of direct or indirect impact to a valid/ <i>in situ</i> Aboriginal sites?	Currandooly 2;Lake George;	☐ Yes ☐ No
	Grantham Park 3	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-IF-02	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-IF-04	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-S-01	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-S-02	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-S-03	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-S-04	☐ Yes ☐ No
	CWF2-S-05	☐ Yes ☐ No
	Willow Sands	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Cluster 8	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Isolated Find 5	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Isolated Find 8	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Isolated Find 9	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 16	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 17	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Isolated Find 10	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 3	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 6	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Cluster 11	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Cluster 12	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Cluster 10	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF Cluster 6	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Transect 5	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Cluster 7	☐ Yes ☐ No

Checklist item	List sites or any comments	Mark appropriate box (x)
	BCSF: Transect 3/Cluster 9	☐ Yes ☐ No
	Bridge Creek/Currandooly;	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 19	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 20	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 24	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 25	☐ Yes ☐ No
	BCSF: Artefact Scatter 23	☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, has this incident and/or non-compliance been reported on in line with the Project requirements (see section 8.6 of the HMP).	☐ Yes ☐ No	
General Comments/ Other Actions required:		
Date for next inspection:		
Site Inspection completed by SEO):		
Signature Required:		
Date:		



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