



## Reburial methodology

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## Project background

Mirvac are proposing to construct the Aspect Industrial Estate on Mamre Road at Kemps Creek. On 30 April 2020, the project was declared a State Significant Development (SSD 10448) in accordance with Part 4 Division 4.1 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act* (1979) (EP&A Act). Artefact Heritage was engaged by Mirvac to complete an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) to support the project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The ACHAR recommended that Aboriginal objects recovered from test excavation, salvage excavation and surface collection would be reburied with the project area. The ACHAR further recommended that a reburial methodology be developed in consultation with the RAPs for the project. This was also recommended by Heritage NSW in their review of the EIS.

## Consultation

A draft reburial methodology was issued to RAPs on 28 January 2021 with comments or feedback requested by the 25 February 2021. Reminder notices of the closing period for comments were sent on the 17 February 2021 and 25 February 2021. At the end of the review period three RAPs had provided comments on the reburial methodology as detailed in Table 1.

**Table 1: Responses to draft reburial methodology**

Person	Group	Comments
Lilly Carroll	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Agrees with the proposal.
Justine Coplin	Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Supports the recommendations.
Kaarina Slater	Ngambaaa Cultural Connections	Agrees with methodology.

## Reburial Methodology

The finalised reburial methodology was prepared in accordance with Requirement 26 of the Code of Practice (DECCW 2010).

Long term management of the Aboriginal objects would involve the reburial of the artefact assemblage within the Riparian Corridor of the development (see Figure 1 to Figure 3). Works within this area would be managed under a vegetation management plan and is proposed to not be disturbed following the completion of re-vegetation of the corridor.

The reburial would be undertaken using the following method:

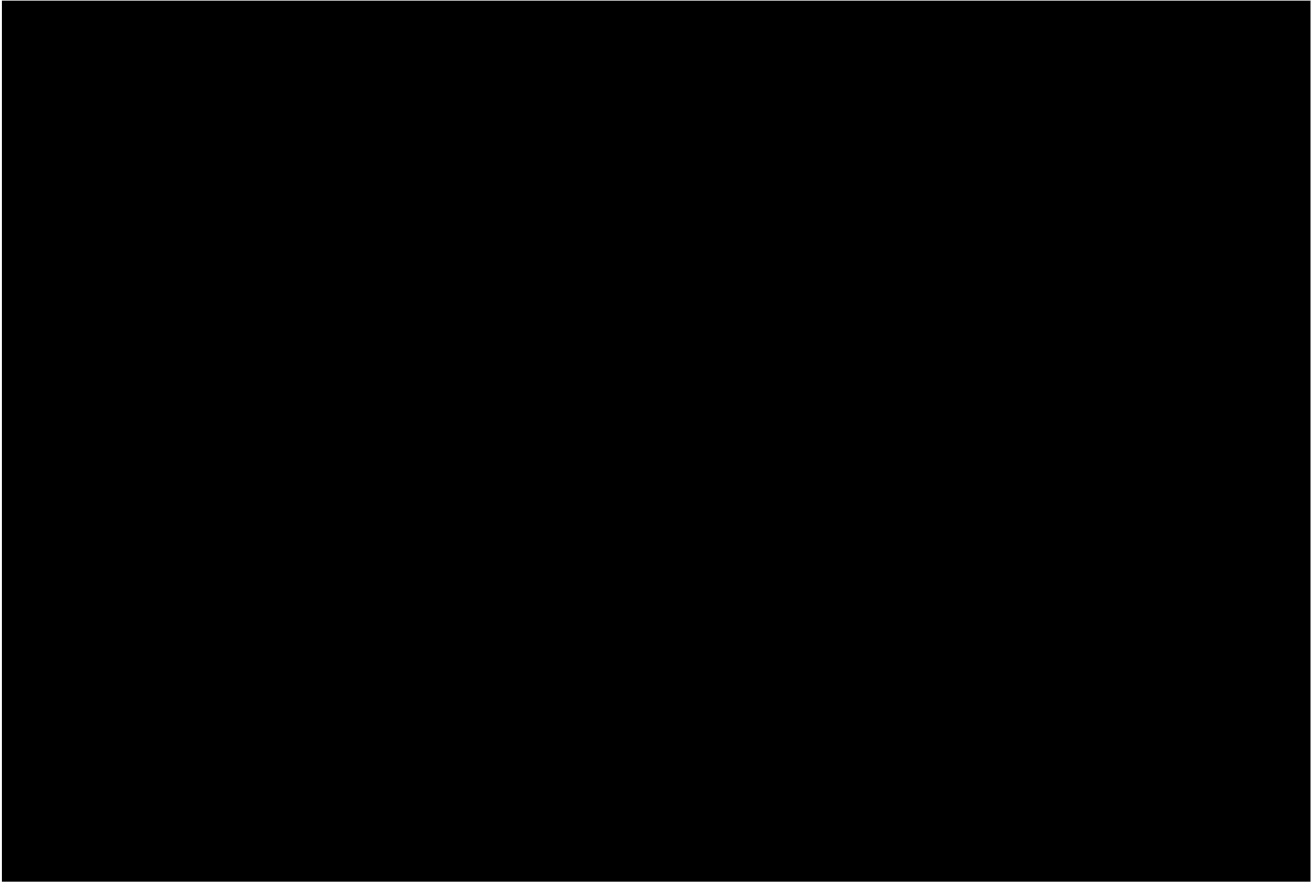
- In preparation for reburial, artefacts from the test excavation, salvage excavation and surface collection will be placed in resealable bags labelled with excavation unit and artefact number information. Excavation unit and artefact number information will also be recorded on an archival standard Tyvek label in each resealable bag.
- Copies of documentation relating the project will also be prepared for reburial including:
  - The catalogue of recovered artefacts
  - A copy of the following reports:
    - Archaeological survey report
    - Archaeological test excavation report
    - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report
    - Archaeological salvage excavation report
    - Archaeological surface collection report,
  - Site impact recording form submitted to the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) following completion of salvage excavation and surface collection of the Aboriginal site.
  - A copy of the project's conditions of consent

This documentation would be prepared both in hardcopy and as digital files on a CD.

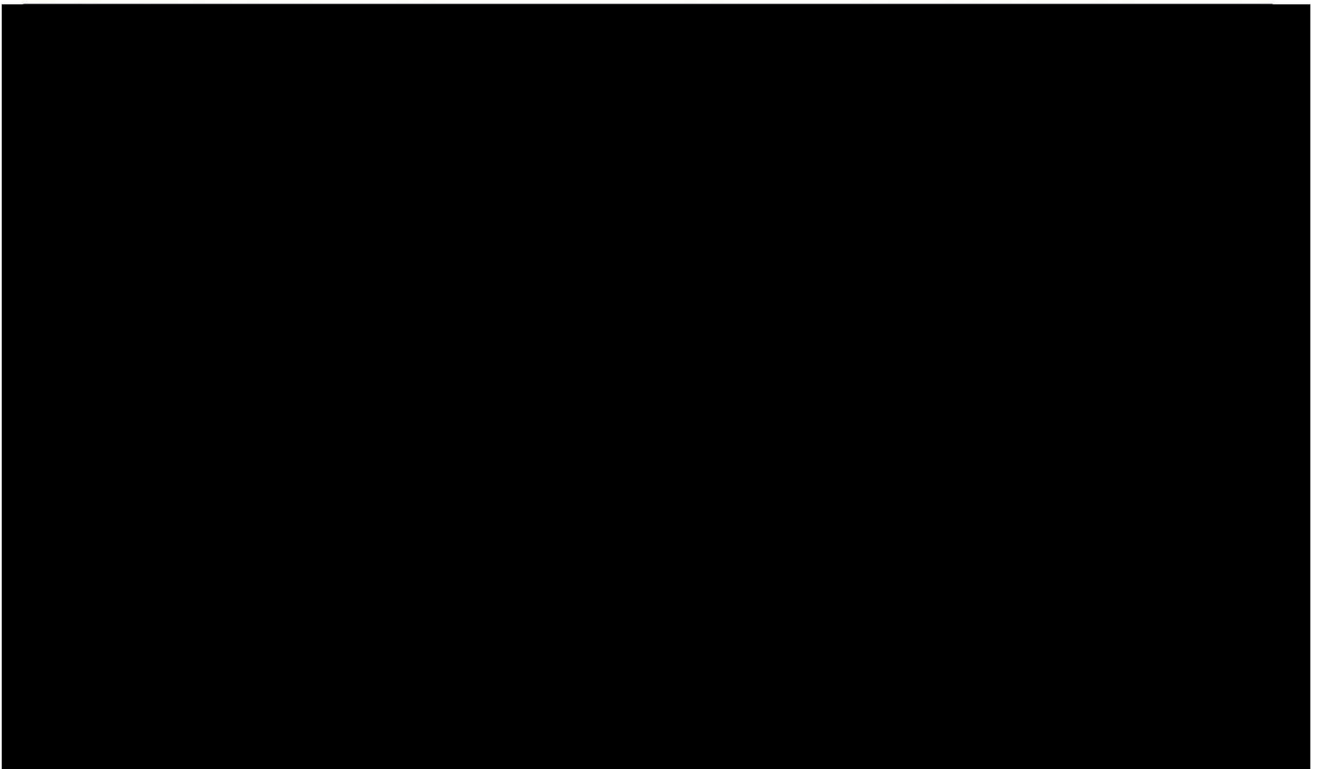
- Artefacts and reburial documentation will be sealed in an impervious tough case container which will be labelled with permanent marker or engraved.
- Reburial will be undertaken by a team comprising an archaeologist and RAP representatives.
- The reburial would be conducted following the completion of construction works to restore the riparian corridor in the area.
- The proposed reburial location will be excavated utilising either a small mechanical excavator or hand digging methods.
- The reburial location will be recorded using a non-differential GPS with burial site features including burial depth, location in relation to other permanent features and a photographic record maintained of the reburial.

Site impact recording forms will be submitted to AHIMS following reburial.

**Figure 1: Illustration showing proposed reburial location outside of the proposed earthworks boundary.**



**Figure 2: Illustration of proposed reburial location within proposed riparian corridor**



**Figure 3: Proposed reburial location and coordinates**

