
Appendix F

Unexpected Finds Protocol – Heritage

F.1 Unexpected Finds Procedure – Heritage

This section outlines the unexpected finds protocol to be applied during the construction phase of the Project. The unexpected finds protocol should be applied to the discovery of previously unidentified items or objects of Aboriginal or archaeological significance found within the project area, in addition to human remains. This has been prepared in accordance with condition B54 and B55 of SSD 80264236 which states:

B54. If any item or object of Aboriginal heritage significance is identified on site:

- (a) all work in the immediate vicinity of the suspected Aboriginal item or object must cease immediately
- (b) a 10 m wide buffer area around the suspected item or object must be cordoned off
- (c) Heritage NSW must be contacted immediately.

B55. Work in the immediate vicinity of the Aboriginal item or object may only recommence in accordance with the provisions of Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

F.1.1 Non-Aboriginal, Aboriginal or Archaeological Finds

If any item or object of Non-Aboriginal, Aboriginal or archaeological significance are found, the following steps must be undertaken:

1. **STOP WORKS** – immediately cease all works and do not move or disturb the find.
2. **NOTIFY** – notify the Project Manager and Heritage NSW immediately to arrange for representatives to inspect the Project. If human remains are found, the NSW Police must also be notified.
3. **MANAGE** – management may involve securing the find by erecting a no-go zone e.g. a 10 m buffer area around the suspected item or object.
4. **ASSESS** – finds must not be moved until they are assessed by a qualified archaeologist.
5. **REPORT** – the Environmental Representative or Project Manager will be responsible for completing any reporting requirements including those required by Heritage NSW.

F.1.2 Human Remains

In the event human remains are found, the following steps must be undertaken:

1. **STOP WORKS** – immediately cease all works and do not move or disturb the remains.
2. **NOTIFY** – notify the NSW Police on 000 as soon as practicable and provide details of the remains and the location. The NSW Heritage Environmental Line on 131 555 should also be notified in the event the remains are Aboriginal Ancestral.
3. **RECOMMENCEMENT** – works are not to recommence unless authorised in writing by Heritage NSW.