

## Appendix C: Hexham Site 1 (HS1) Site Card



# Aboriginal Site Recording Form

AHIMS Registrar  
PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220



## Office Use Only

Site Number

Date received  Date entered into system  Date catalogued

Entered by (I.D.)

## Information Access

☐ Gender/male ☐ Gender/female ☐ Location restriction ☐ General restriction ☐ No access

## For Further Information Contact:

### ☐ Nominated Trustee

Title  Surname  First Name  Initials   
 Organisation   
 Address   
 Phone number  Fax

### ☐ Knowledge Holder

Title  Surname  First Name  Initials   
 Organisation   
 Address   
 Phone number  Fax

## Aboriginal Heritage Unit or Cultural Heritage Division Contacts

## Geographic Location

Site Name

Easting  Northing  AGD/GDA

Mapsheet

Zone  Location Method

Other Registration

## Primary Recorder

Title  Surname  First Name  Initials   
 Organisation   
 Address   
 Phone number  Fax   
 Date recorded

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OPEN/CLOSE SITE ☒ Open Site

## Site Context

## Landform

- ☐ Mountainous  
☒ Plain  
☐ Rolling hills  
☐ Steep hills  
☐ Undulating plain

## Slope

degrees

### Landform Unit

- |                                                |                                      |                                      |                                           |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tidal Flat  | <input type="checkbox"/> Upper slope | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream bank      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal rock platform | <input type="checkbox"/> Cliff       | <input type="checkbox"/> Plain       | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream channel   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dune                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Crest       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ridge       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swamp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intertidal flat       | <input type="checkbox"/> Flat        | <input type="checkbox"/> Tor         | <input type="checkbox"/> Terrace          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lagoon                | <input type="checkbox"/> Lower slope | <input type="checkbox"/> Valley flat | <input type="checkbox"/> Terrace flat     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tidal Creek           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mid slope   | <input type="checkbox"/> Levv        |                                           |

## Vegetation

- ☐ Closed forest  
☐ Grasslands  
☐ Isolated clumps of trees  
☐ Open forest  
☐ Open woodland  
☐ Scrub  
☐ Woodland  
☒ Cleared  
☐ Revegetated  
☐ N/A

## Land use

- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Established urban
- ☐ Farming-intensive
- ☐ Farming-low intensity
- ☐ Forestry
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Mining
- ☒ Pastoral/grazing
- ☐ Recreation
- ☒ Semi-rural
- ☒ Service corridor
- ☐ Transport corridor
- ☐ Urban expansion
- ☐ Residential

## Water

Distance to permanent water source  metres

Distance to temporary water source  metres

Name of nearest permanent water source Hunter River

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Name of nearest temporary water | Purgatory Creek |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|

### Directions for Relocation

From Woodlands Close (corner of the New England Highway at Hexham), walk south down the road for approximately 200m, then turn east through a gate onto a dirt road.

Approximately 100m along this road, the ground has been churned up by heavy vehicles to access the water trunk main.

The site extends north from this location for approximately 250m (based on what was visible during the survey).

### Current Land Tenure

- ☐ Public      National Park / other Government  
☒ Private      Dept.

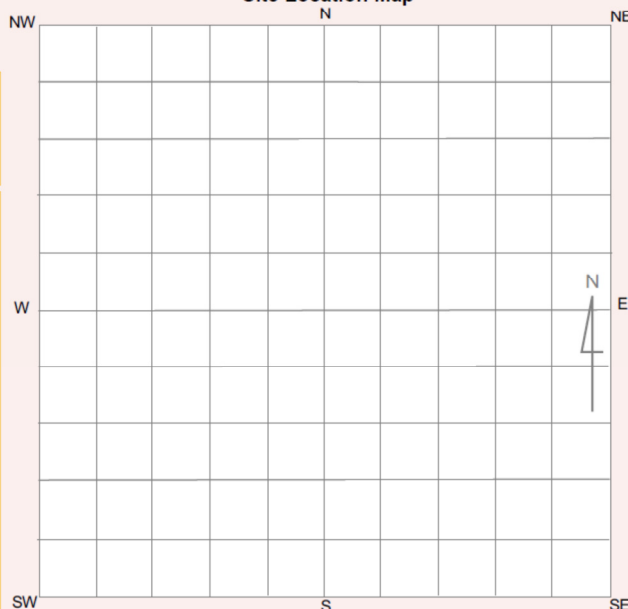
## Primary report

**I.D.**  (I.D. Office Use only)

AMBS (in prep.) Hexham Relief Roads Project:  
Aboriginal Heritage Impact Assessment. Report  
prepared for KMH Environmental on behalf of ARTC.

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### Site Location Map



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## General Site Information

## Closed Site

## Shelter/Cave Formation

- ☐ Boulder  
☐ Wind erosion  
☐ Water erosion  
☐ Rock collapse

## Rock Surface Condition

- ☐ Boulder  
☐ Sandstone platform  
☐ Silica gloss  
☐ Tessellated  
☐ Weathered  
☐ Other platform

## Open Site

## Site Orientation

- ☐ N-S  
☐ NE-SW  
☐ E-W  
☐ SE-NW  
☐ N/A

## Condition of Ceiling

- ☐ Boulder  
☐ Sandstone platform  
☐ Silica gloss  
☐ Tessellated  
☐ Weathered  
☐ Other platform

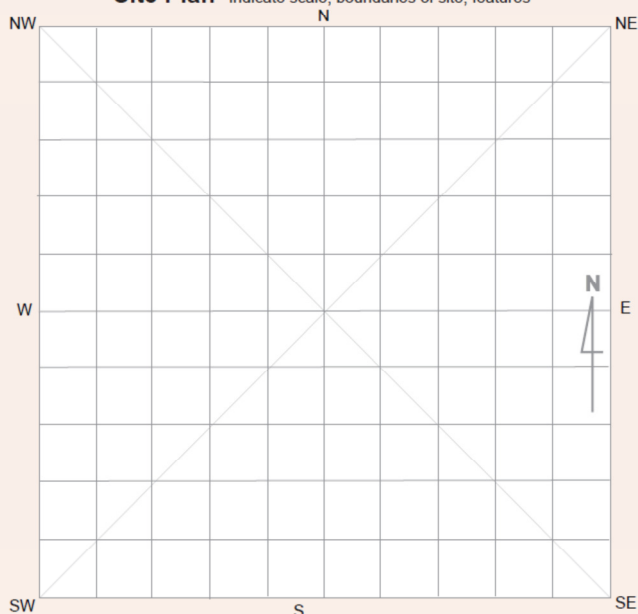
## Shelter Aspect

- ☐ North  
☐ North East  
☐ East  
☐ South East  
☐ South  
☐ South West  
☐ West  
☐ North West

## Features

- ☐ 1. Aboriginal Ceremony & Dreaming  
☐ 2. Aboriginal Resource & Gathering  
☐ 3. Art  
☒ 4. Artefact  
☐ 5. Burial  
☐ 6. Ceremonial Ring  
☐ 7. Conflict  
☐ 8. Earth Mound  
☐ 9. Fish Trap  
☐ 10. Grinding Groove  
☐ 11. Habitation Structure  
☐ 12. Hearth  
☐ 13. Non Human Bone & Organic Material  
☐ 14. Ochre quarry  
☐ 15. Potential Archaeological Deposit  
☐ 16. Stone Quarry  
☒ 17. Shell  
☐ 18. Stone Arrangement  
☐ 19. Modified Tree  
☐ 20. Water Hole

## Site Plan Indicate scale, boundaries of site, features



## Site Dimensions

## Closed Site Dimensions (m)

- Internal length  
 Internal width  
 Shelter height  
 Shelter floor area

## Open Site Dimensions (m)

- Total length of visible site  
 Average width of visible site  
 Estimated area of visible site  
 Length of assessed site area

## NPWS Aboriginal Site Recording Form - Site Interpretation and Community Statement

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## Aboriginal Community Interpretation and Management Recommendations

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## Preliminary Site Assessment

## Site Cultural &amp; Scientific Analysis and Preliminary Management Recommendations

The study area has evidently been disturbed in certain areas by construction of the adjacent road, installation of several pipelines and electricity lines, and some pastoral activities including cattle grazing. Some areas of disturbance had been the result of constructing gravel embankments to create access roads during installation. Nevertheless, substantial evidence of Aboriginal heritage material (site Hexham Swamp 1 [HS1]) was seen in the area exposed by vehicle use and disturbance, including shells and stone artefacts. The extent of material seen prohibited detailed recording; however, several types of stone material were noted, predominantly chert/IMTC, as well as some quartz and volcanic material. Many of these artefacts were seen to have been damaged by vehicles or machinery, which would have churned up the area during access for installation of the pipeline. The extent of the exposed Aboriginal heritage material extends beyond the study area as well (from 375585E 6368606N to 375369E 6368734N). There is thus, evidence of substantial Aboriginal heritage material below the surface in this area on the margins of the swamp, and such areas are therefore considered to be archaeologically sensitive. Should any impact be proposed a program of archaeological test/ salvage excavation should be undertaken (scope to be based on the proposed impacts, once the preferred option is determined).

This section should only be filled in by the Endorsees

Endorsed by: ☐ Knowledge Holder ☐ Nominated Trustee ☐ Native Title Holder ☐ Community Consensus

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|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
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| Organisation         | <input type="text"/> |                      |                      |
| Address              | <input type="text"/> |                      |                      |
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## Attachments (No.)

- ☒ A4 location map  
☐ B/W photographs  
☒ Colour photographs  
☐ Slides  
☐ Aerial photographs  
☐ Site plans, drawings  
☐ Recording tables  
☐ Other  
☐ Feature inserts-No.

## Comments

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