



View across the Quorn Park Solar Farm.

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Quorn Park Solar Farm (SSD – 9097)

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PREAMBLE

This Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan (AHMP) provides management measures for Aboriginal heritage in relation to the Quorn Park Solar Farm (the Project). The Project will be constructed and operated by Enel Green Power Australia (EGPA; the Proponent).

The Project is located approximately 7.6 kilometres (km) northwest of Parkes, within the Parkes Shire Council Local Government Area (LGA) in New South Wales (NSW) (**Figure 1-1**).

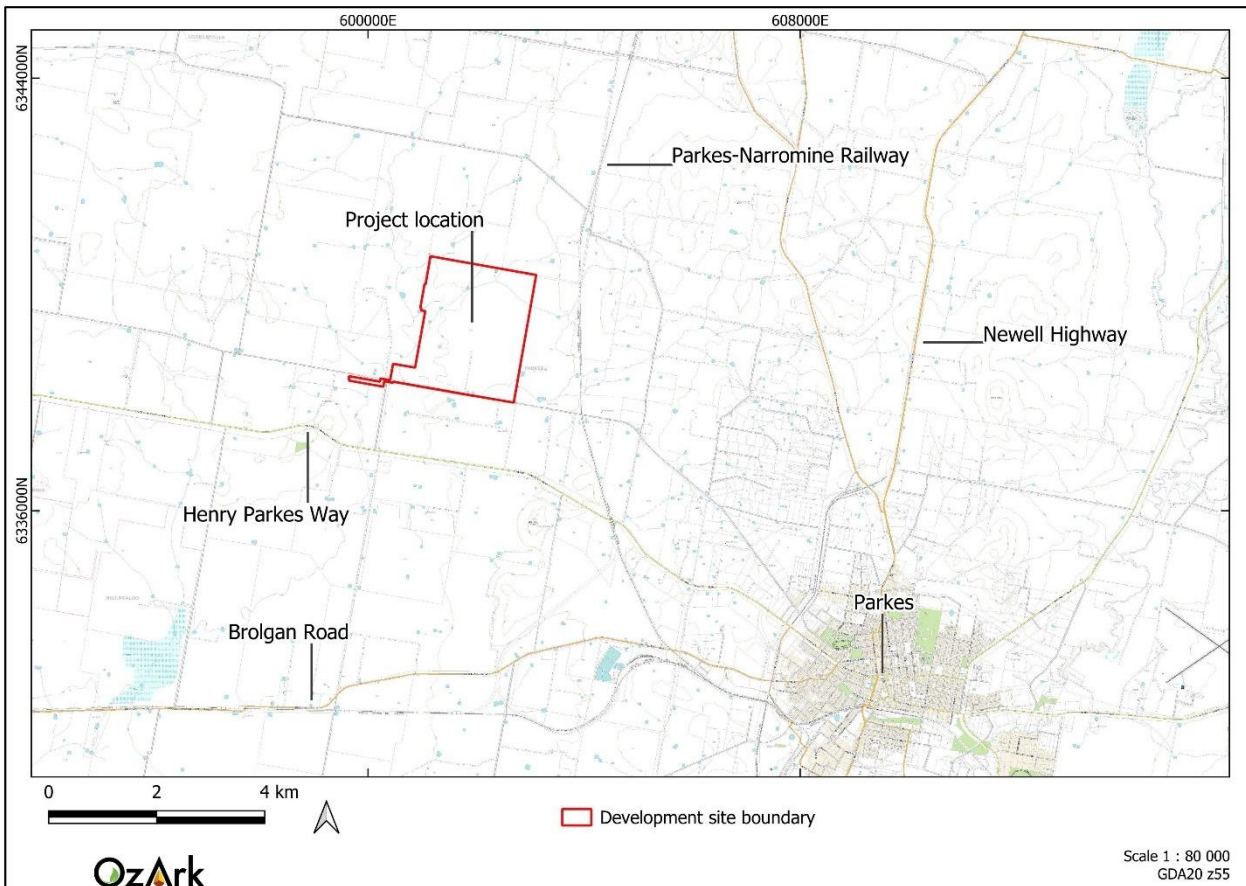
CoA was received from the Minister of Planning and Public Spaces, approved as State Significant Development (SSD) 9097, on 16 July 2020. On 7 June 2024, Modification 1 to SSD-9097 was approved which amended the battery energy storage system (BESS) duration.

On 10 December 2024, Modification 2 was approved relating to an increase in the Henry Parkes Way – McGrath Lane intersection impact disturbance area (equating to an additional 0.65 hectares [ha] of land) by comparison to the approved road upgrade extent as outlined in the development consent. This is to accommodate and include the following:

- a suitable drainage solution in relation to the culvert to be installed under McGrath Lane; and
- provision of a clear zone along the southern shoulder of Henry Parkes Way to meet Austroads design requirements.

The additional land is contained within the road reserve and due to this is considered to be highly disturbed and contains existing drainage, regularly mown grass verge, informal access tracks and a material stockpile area. The unexpected finds protocols outlined in **Section 6.1** must be followed if unanticipated finds (including skeletal remains) are identified during works in this area.

Version 1 (V1) of this AHMP has been prepared by Stephanie Rusden, OzArk Environment & Heritage Senior Archaeologist in accordance with Schedule 3 Condition 20 of the CoA. Version 2 (V2) amendments have been made by OzArk Environment & Heritage to this AHMP following approval of Modification 1 and the completion of approved salvage activities. Version 3 (V3) amendments have been made by Premise and OzArk Environment & Heritage following approval of Modification 2.

Figure 1-1: The development site boundary in relation to Parkes.

1.2 PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Project will involve the construction and operation of a ground-mounted PV solar tracking array generating approximately 80 mega-watt alternating current (MWAC) of renewable energy. The generated electricity will be exported into the network through connection to an Essential Energy 132 kilovolt (kV) transmission line located approximately 700 metres (m) to the west.

Key Project and infrastructure components will include:

- Single axis tracking solar arrays with an estimated 161,000 panels mounted approximately 1.4 m off the ground on galvanised frames and posts with the top edge of the panel up to approximately 4 m above ground level at full tilt
- 22 inverter stations interspersed throughout the arrays, each with a size of a 20 foot shipping container with a height of approximately 2.5 m
- A substation compound (approximately 70 m x 50 m) containing 132kV transformer, harmonic filter equipment, electrical switch gear and protection equipment, as well as supporting structures for cabling up to approximately 14 m in height
- An energy storage system consisting of either banks of Lithium-ion batteries with associated ancillary inverter, transformer and air conditioning equipment or containerised battery modules; occupying a footprint of approximately 80 m x 70 m
- A control room building (approximately 5 m wide x 3.5 m deep x 2.7 m high)

- Chain wire site perimeter fencing (approximately 2.4 m high)
- Gravel internal maintenance access tracks and vehicle turnaround areas
- Planting of vegetation buffer (landscape screening) in accordance with the CoA.

The approved development footprint outlined in Appendix 1 of the consolidated Conditions of Approval (CoA) is shown on **Figure 1-2**.

The following definitions are used in this AHMP:

- Development site boundary: includes the full area surveyed during the preparation of the Development Application (including the Environmental Impact Statement [EIS] and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Historic Heritage Assessment Report [ACH&HHAR]¹) (see **Figure 1-3**). The Environment Management Strategy and the various sub plans apply to this area.
- Development footprint: the approved development area, as per the consolidated CoA (see **Figure 1-2**).
- Final design area: the portion of land designated for the development of the Project. All Project-related activities, including installation, operation, and maintenance, will take place within these defined boundaries (see **Figure 1-3**).
- Grid connection area: The grid connection area, outlined in Appendix 1 - General Layout of Development of the Consolidated Consent (**Figure 1-2**), is situated in the southwest portion of the development site boundary.

A boundary fence and signage identifying restricted access will be installed around the perimeter of the final design area. This will include a solar farm fence in certain areas, while existing farm fencing will be utilised where possible. The boundary fence will ensure the extant (valid) Aboriginal sites located outside the final design area will not be harmed by the construction and operation of the Project. Temporary fencing and signage will also be erected at the location of the extant (valid) Aboriginal sites located outside the final design area during the construction of the Project (refer to **Section 5.4.1** for further details).

Additionally, temporary fencing and signage will be erected at the two Aboriginal sites (Ridgey Creek-IF1 and Ridgey Creek-OS1) within the grid connection works area during the construction of the transmission line (refer to **Section 5.4.1** for further details). Once detailed design of the impacts associated with the transmission line were completed, it was identified that Ridgey Creek-IF1 and Ridgey Creek-OS1 could be avoided by the works given the isolated nature of impacts associated with construction of the transmission line. This decision was made by comparing the recorded extent of both Ridgey Creek-IF1 and Ridgey Creek-OS1 against the location of proposed impacts. As such, they were not salvaged as it was determined they could be conserved in their current landscape.

¹ Reference is made to the ACH&HHAR as it is the specialist report for the Project relevant to this AHMP.

Figure 1-2: General layout of development.

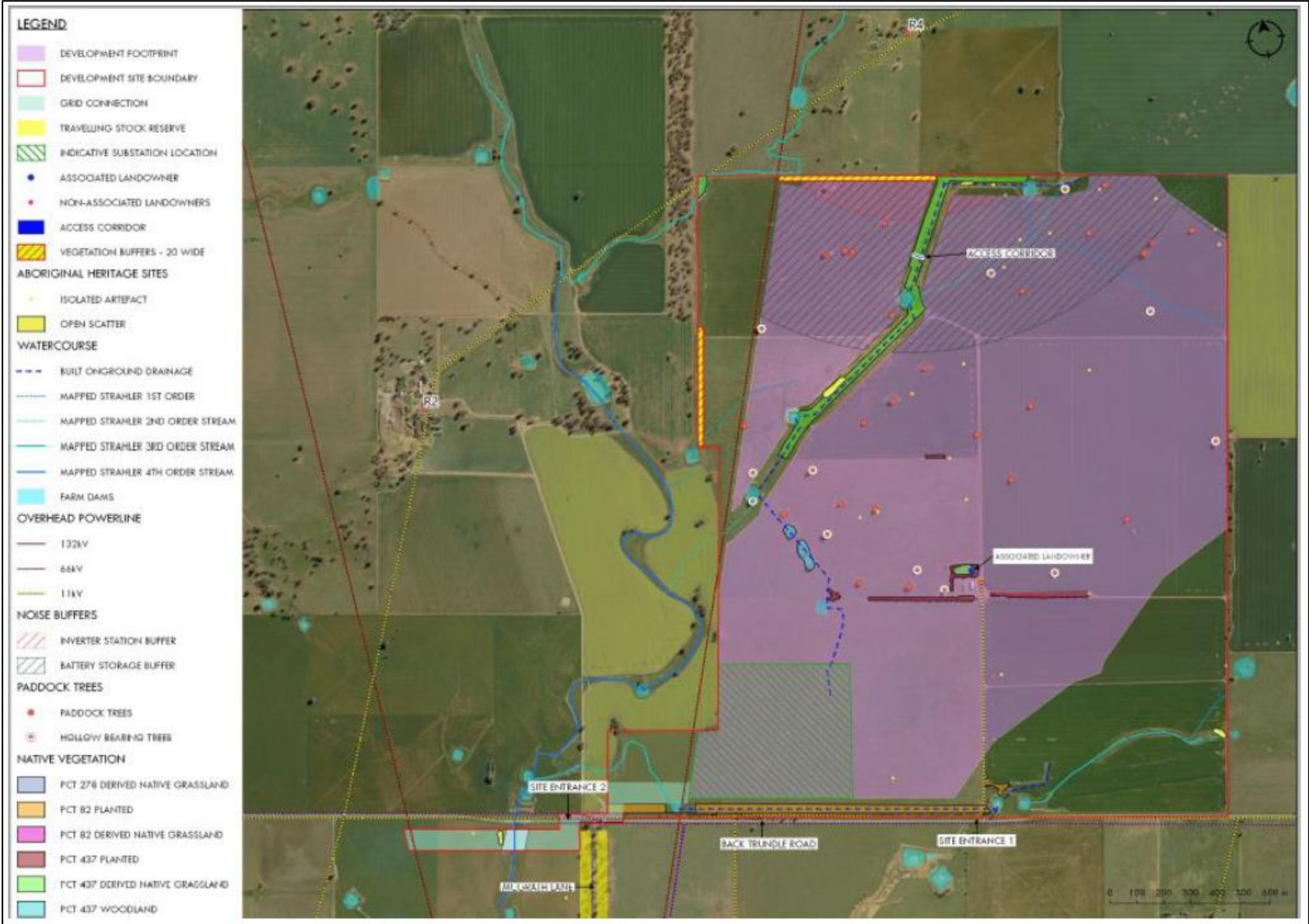
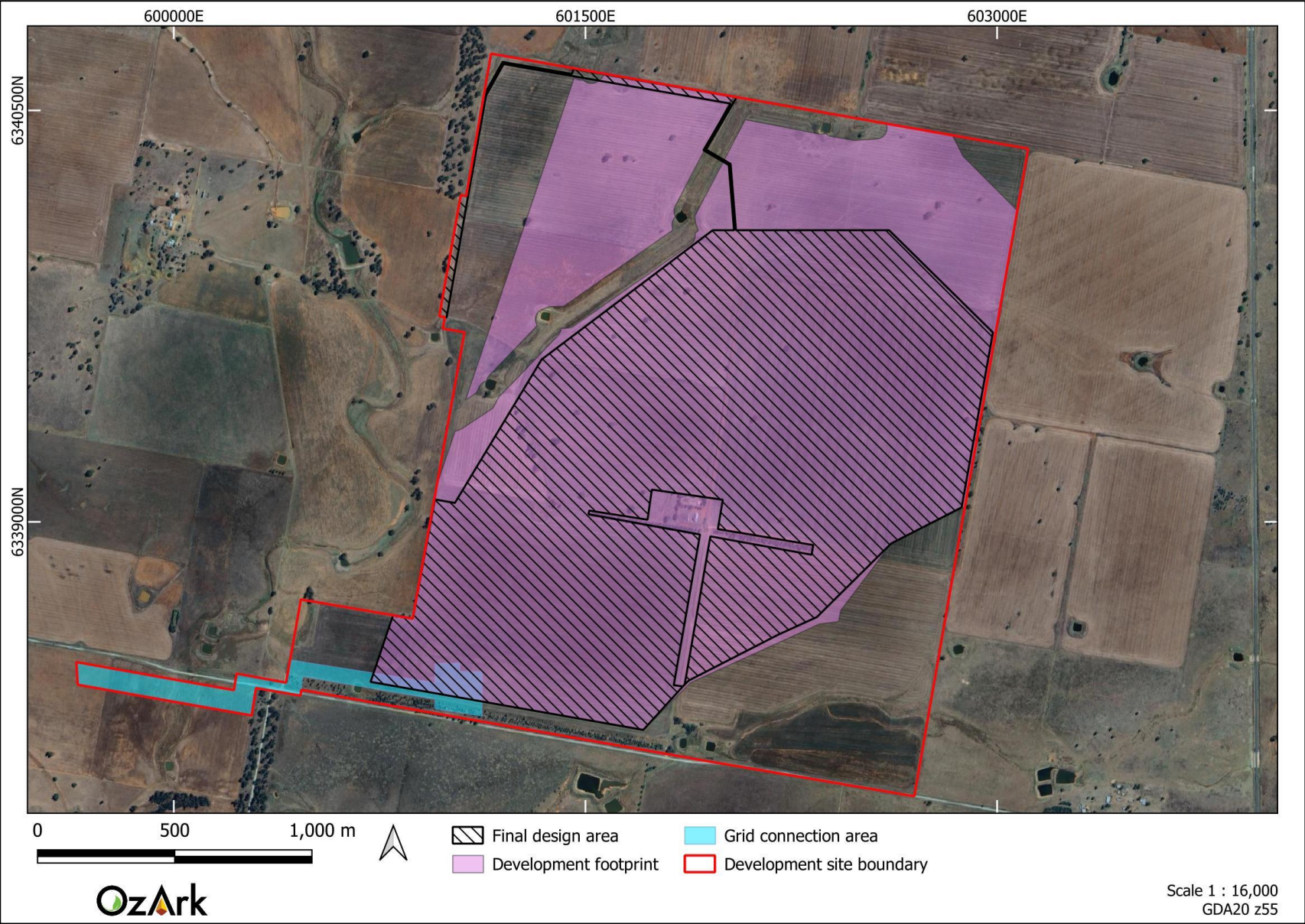


Figure 1-3: The Project.



1.3 PURPOSE

This AHMP provides a description of the Aboriginal cultural heritage management strategies, procedures, controls, and monitoring programs to be implemented during the construction and operation of the Project. It will be used by all Project employees, contractors, sub-contractors, and visitors as the first point of reference for Aboriginal cultural heritage related issues.

This AHMP forms part of a series of subplans that together form the Environmental Management System (EMS) for the Project (see **Section 1.5**).

This AHMP addresses the relevant requirements of the CoA. The CoA relevant to this AHMP are provided in **Section 2**.

1.4 OBJECTIVES

This AHMP has been developed to satisfy the relevant conditions of the CoA and to ensure that Aboriginal cultural heritage is managed in accordance with all relevant legislation and in consultation with relevant Aboriginal parties.

The objectives of this AHMP are to set out controls and protocols for management of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and to prevent unapproved harm to any identified and/or unidentified Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and values.

This AHMP:

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

The way this AHMP addresses the statutory requirements of the CoA is detailed in **Section 2**.

1.5 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The AHMP is part of the Project's overall EMS. Mitigation and management measures identified in this AHMP will be incorporated into site or activity-specific Safe Work Method Statements (SWMS).

When used concurrently, the overarching EMS, AHMP and other subplans, procedures and SWMS form management guides that clearly identify the necessary environmental management actions for reference by the Proponents' personnel and contractors.

The Proponent will carry out the Project in accordance with the EIS (Premise 2019) and in accordance with the CoA outlined in **Table 2-1** and detailed throughout this AHMP.

2 REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS OF THIS AHMP

2.1 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

The CoA for SSD 9097, and as modified on 7 June 2024, stipulates the requirements related to this AHMP. These are summarised in **Table 2-1** and shown in **Appendix 1**.

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

Schedule	Condition	Description (NSW DPE 2021)	Section/s addressed
Schedule 2 Administrative Conditions	1	In meeting the specific environmental performance criteria established under this consent, the Applicant must implement all reasonable and feasible measures 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 or decommissioning of the development.	Section 5.1.4
	2	The applicant must carry out the development: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Generally in accordance with the EIS; and In accordance with the conditions of this consent. In accordance with all written directions of the Planning Secretary; and Generally in accordance with the Development Layout in Appendix 1. 	Section 1.2, Section 1.5 and Section 2
Schedule 3 Specific Environmental Conditions (Heritage)	19	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. Prior to carrying out any development that could directly or indirectly impact the heritage items identified in Table 2 of Appendix 6, the Applicant must salvage and relocate the item/s that would be impacted to a suitable alternative location on site, in accordance with the <i>Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW</i> (DECCW, 2010), or its latest version.	Section 5.4 Section 4.3 and Section 5.4
	20	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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> be prepared by suitably qualified and experienced persons whose appointment has been endorsed by the Secretary in writing; be prepared in consultation with Heritage NSW and Aboriginal Stakeholders; include a description of the measures that would be implemented for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> protecting the Aboriginal heritage items identified in Table 1 of Appendix 4 or items located outside the approved development footprint, including fencing off the Aboriginal heritage items prior to commencing construction; salvaging and relocating the Aboriginal heritage items located within the approved development footprint, as identified in Table 2 of Appendix 4; a contingency plan and reporting procedure if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> previously unidentified heritage items are found; or Aboriginal skeletal material is discovered; ensuring workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that records are kept of these inductions; and 	(a) This AHMP is authored by Stephanie Rusden, OzArk Senior Archaeologist. Stephanie Rusden. (b) Section 3.1 and 3.2 (c) Section 5.4, Section 4.3, Section 6.1, Section 5.2 and Section 3.2.3. (d) Section 5.3 and Section 8.1

Schedule	Condition	Description (NSW DPE 2021)	Section/s addressed
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ongoing consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders during the implementation of the plan; and <p>(d) include a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these measures and any heritage impacts of the project.</p> <p>Following the Planning Secretary's approval, the Applicant must implement the Heritage Management Plan.</p>	
Schedule 4 Environmental Management and Reporting	2	<p>The Applicant must:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • submission of an incident report under condition 7 of Schedule 4; • submission of an audit report under condition 9 of Schedule 4; or • any modification to the conditions of this consent. 	Section 8.2
	7	<p>The Planning Secretary must be notified via the Major Projects website portal 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.</p>	Section 6.2
	8	<p>The Department must be notified in writing via the Major Projects website portal within 7 days after the Applicant becomes aware of any non-compliance with the conditions of this consent. The 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 done, or will be, undertaken to address the non-compliance. A non-compliance which has been notified as an incident does not need to also be notified as a non-compliance.</p>	Section 7.2.3
	9	<p>Independent Audits of the development must be conducted and carried out in accordance with the <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i>.</p>	Section 8.4
	9A	<p>In accordance with the specific requirements in the <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i>, the Applicant must:</p> <p>(a) Review and respond to each Independent Audit Report prepared under condition 12 of Schedule 4, or condition 14 of Schedule 4 where notice is given by the Planning Secretary;</p> <p>(b) Submit the response to the Planning Secretary; and</p> <p>(c) Make each Independent Audit Report, and response to it, publicly available within 60 days of the submission to the Planning Secretary.</p>	Section 8.4
	9B	<p>Independent Audit Reports and the Applicant's response to audit findings must be submitted to the Planning Secretary within 2 months of undertaking the independent audit site inspection as outlined in the <i>Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)</i>, 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.</p>	Section 8.4

Schedule	Condition	Description (NSW DPE 2021)	Section/s addressed
	10	<p>The Applicant must:</p> <p>(a) make the following information publicly available on its website as relevant to the stage of the development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the EIS; • the final layout plans for the development; • current statutory approvals for the development; • approved strategies, plans or programs required under the conditions of this consent (other than the Fire Strategy Study and Emergency Plan); • the proposed staging plans for the development if the construction, operation or decommissioning of the development is to be staged; • how complaints about the development can be made; <i>NSW Government Planning, Industry and Environment 16</i> • a complaints register; • compliance reports; • any independent environmental audit, and the Applicant's response to the recommendations in any audit; and • any other matter required by the Planning Secretary; and <p>(b) keep this information up to date.</p>	Section 7.3

2.2 STATEMENT OF COMMITMENTS

Several commitments were made within the ACH&HHAR prepared by OzArk (2018) for the Project.

These are summarised below in **Table 2-2**. Further details of these recommendations can be found within the ACH&HHAR (OzArk 2018).

Table 2-2: Statement of commitments.

Statement of Commitments	Section/s addressed
Should the project be approved, the proponent will develop an ACHMP in consultation with the RAPs.	Consultation with the RAPs regarding this AHMP is detailed in Section 3.2 .
As project design is finalised all efforts will be made to conserve Aboriginal sites in the landscape.	Section 4.3 and Section 5.4
The location of Quorn Park-OS1 will be noted and efforts made to avoid this site as it is located near the perimeter of the solar farm in a landform displaying less disturbance than adjacent landforms.	Section 5.4
Depending on which grid connection option is chosen, sites in the discarded option will be preserved in the landscape. There is no management required for sites within discarded grid connection options.	Section 5.4
The isolated finds (Quorn Park-IF1 to Quorn Park-IF20), Quorn Park-OS2, and Quorn Park-OS3 that have been recorded within the solar farm area will be salvaged under the methodology set out in Section 7.3.1 (of the ACHAR). All sites are in highly disturbed landforms and likely to be in secondary contexts. As such, it is better that the artefacts are removed to a safe location away from impacts arising from the project.	Section 4.3 and Section 5.4
The recovered artefacts should be reburied at a location within the project site where no future developments are planned. The manner of reburial will be detailed in the ACHMP following RAP consultation. As one option, Requirement 26 "Stone artefact deposition and storage" in the Code of Practice will be considered. A site card will be submitted to AHIMS to register the location of any reburied artefacts.	Section 5.4.4
An Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form will be submitted to AHIMS recording the results of the salvage of any sites associated with the project.	Section 7.2.2

Statement of Commitments	Section/s addressed
<p>The design of the preferred grid connection will consider the location of recorded Aboriginal sites and endeavour to avoid the sites during activities associated with the construction and/or maintenance of the connection. For example, the proponent has some flexibility with the pole spacing associated with the grid connections and this will be utilised wherever possible to avoid impact to known Aboriginal sites.</p>	<p>Section 5.4</p>
<p>Should any sites within the solar farm (i.e. Quorn Park-OS1) be able to be avoided, those sites will be clearly demarcated to avoid inadvertent impacts. The demarcation will include permanent signage. The proponent will consider permanently fencing these sites to avoid inadvertent impacts.</p>	<p>Section 5.4</p>
<p>Should any sites in the preferred grid connection be able to be avoided, those sites will be clearly shown on project plans and avoided during maintenance activities.</p>	<p>Section 5.4</p>
<p>If human skeletal material is noted during works associated with the Project, all works shall cease in that area and the police will be informed. Should the remains prove to be Aboriginal, work shall not recommence in the area until approval from OEH has been sought.</p>	<p>Section 6.1.1</p>
<p>If further Aboriginal objects are noted during works associated with the Project, the <i>Unanticipated Finds Protocol</i> will be followed. The <i>Unanticipated Finds Protocol</i> will form the basis of the procedure for new discoveries set out in the ACAHMP when it is developed.</p>	<p>Section 6.1.2</p>

3 CONSULTATION

3.1 CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDERS

Consultation with Heritage NSW during the preparation and subsequent revisions of the AHMP is provided in **Appendix 2 Table 1**.

Version 1 of the AHMP was prepared in consultation with Heritage NSW as per Schedule 3 Condition 23(b) of the CoA. A copy of the draft AHMP was provided to Heritage NSW for their review and comments on 14 June 2023 via the Major Projects website. Correspondence with Heritage NSW received on 11 July 2023 is presented in **Appendix 2 Figure 1**.

Version 2 of the AHMP was not referred to Heritage NSW by DPHI for their advice.

Version 3 of the AHMP was referred to Heritage NSW for advice on 19 December 2024. Correspondence with Heritage NSW received on 11 July 2023 is presented in **Appendix 2 Figure 2**. **Section 3.2.2.1** has been updated to include the response received during consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) to address Heritage NSW's comment.

3.2 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

In accordance with Schedule 3 Condition 23(b) of the CoA, this AHMP has been prepared in consultation with the RAPs.

A log regarding the consultation undertaken is provided in **Appendix 3 Table 1**.

3.2.1 Aboriginal parties consulted

The RAPs for the Project were identified by undertaking the guidelines established in the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* (ACHCRs) (DECCW 2010a) whereby an advertisement was placed in the local press and relevant agencies were contacted to determine if they were aware of groups or individuals who may have cultural knowledge of the region surrounding the Project.

The ACHCRs were undertaken by OzArk (2018) as part of the ACH&HHAR. The RAPs for the Project are:

- Peak Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Rob Clegg
- Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation.

3.2.2 RAP consultation

3.2.2.1 *Consultation on the development of this AHMP*

On 1 May 2023, OzArk sent an email to the three RAPs advising that the AHMP is in preparation and will be provided for their review once drafted (**Appendix 3 Figure 1**).

On 3 May 2023, a copy of the draft AHMP was sent to all RAPs for their review. RAPs were provided with 28 days to provide any feedback (**Appendix 3 Figure 2**).

A follow up reminder to provide feedback was sent to Peak Hill LALC and Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation on 30 May 2023 (**Appendix 3 Figure 3**).

A response was received from Rob Clegg on 3 May 2023 supporting the AHMP (**Appendix 3 Figure 4**).

3.2.2.2 *Salvage report*

On 2 June 2024, a copy of the salvage report was sent to all RAPs for their records (**Appendix 3 Figure 5**).

3.2.2.3 *Consultation on V2 of the AHMP*

On 13 August 2024, a copy of the revised AHMP (Version 2) was sent to all RAPs for their records noting updates following the completion of salvage activities (**Appendix 3 Figure 6**).

3.2.2.1 *Consultation on V3 of the AHMP*

On 17 December 2024, a copy of the revised AHMP (Version 3) was sent to all RAPs for their records noting updates following the approval of Modification 2 (**Appendix 3 Figure 7**). A follow up email was sent to all RAPs on 4 February 2025 seeking any feedback or comments (**Appendix 3 Figure 7**).

A response was received from Rob Clegg on 4 February 2025 advising he had no comments on the revised AHMP (**Appendix 3 Figure 8**).

3.2.3 Ongoing consultation protocols

RAPs will be involved in the conservation and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage by ensuring they are involved in ongoing consultation, site access (subject to safety and security measures) and consultation on the Aboriginal cultural heritage awareness training materials for inductions.

The Proponent, with the assistance of an engaged archaeologist (when needed), will continue to consult with the RAPs identified in **Section 3.2.1** in compliance with Schedule 3 Condition 20(b). Consultation with the RAPs will include, but not be limited to:

- Notification of new discoveries of Aboriginal objects (**Section 7.2.1**)
- Notification of new discoveries of Aboriginal ancestral remains (**Section 7.1**)
- Review of the AHMP, any modifications to the CoA in accordance with relevant requirements, as established by the regulatory authorities (currently Heritage NSW) (**Section 8**)
- Any archaeological salvage program
- Significant changes to the Project that may have implications for Aboriginal heritage management
- Significant land management actions are required in Aboriginal site protection areas not envisaged by this AHMP
- Cultural awareness training and induction materials will be developed in consultation with the RAPs through review and comment by the RAPs on the proposed packages.

Meetings with RAPs will occur annually, during the construction of the Project, for Proponent Project updates and general consultation, allowing for regular and inclusive engagement so that ideas, aspirations and concerns can be raised at regular intervals.

Once the Project is operational, RAPs will be provided with contact details of the Environmental Officer in case they wish to make enquires and/or raise any concerns with regards to the Project.

3.2.4 Dispute/issue resolution

Issues raised by RAPs in conversations whether by telephone or in person in the course of ongoing consultation will be documented in writing by the Proponent or the archaeologist involved in the correspondence and responded to within seven days.

3.2.5 Access to Aboriginal objects

The Proponent will provide access for RAPs to Aboriginal sites, subject to reasonable safety and security measures. These measures may include the location of hazardous areas and the availability of site personnel to enable safe access to relevant areas.

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

4 ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUES

4.1 IDENTIFIED ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

As a result of the Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment (OzArk 2018) completed for the Project, 27 Aboriginal sites were identified, including four artefact scatters and 23 isolated finds.

Table 4-1 outlines the details of the Aboriginal sites and **Figure 4-1** shows the location of these sites in relation to the development site boundary.

Two of the recorded sites (Warrawee-IF1 and Ponderosa-IF1) were recorded as part of investigations of transmission line options which are no longer applicable to the Project and are located on neighbouring private property. As these Aboriginal sites are no longer relevant to the Project, they are not discussed beyond **Section 4.1** of this AHMP.

Table 4-1: Aboriginal heritage sites recorded in 2018.

AHIMS ID	Site Name	Site Details	GDA Zone 55 Eastings and Northings	Site Description
43-3-0169	Quorn Park-OS1	Artefact scatter	██████████	Low-density artefact scatter comprising three flakes and a core manufactured from quartz, silcrete and volcanic materials. Site extent measures 54 m x 21 m.
43-3-0168	Quorn Park-OS2	Artefact scatter	██████████	Low-density artefact scatter comprising eight flakes and a flaked piece manufactured from basalt, silcrete, quartzite, and chert. Site extent measures 109 m x 23 m.
43-3-0167	Quorn Park-OS3	Artefact scatter	██████████	Low-density artefact scatter comprising a silcrete core, a silcrete flaked piece and a basalt flaked piece. Site extent measures 50 m x 12 m
43-3-0153	Ridgey Creek-OS1	Artefact scatter	██████████	Low-density artefact scatter comprising four flakes and a core with raw materials including basalt, silcrete and quartzite. Site extent measures 51 m x 16 m
43-3-0147	Quorn Park-IF1	Isolated find	██████████	Silcrete flake.
43-3-0150	Quorn Park-IF2	Isolated find	██████████	Quartzite flake.
43-3-0148	Quorn Park-IF3	Isolated find	██████████	Silcrete flake.
43-3-0151	Quorn Park-IF4	Isolated find	██████████	Coarse-grained mudstone flake.
43-3-0146	Quorn Park-IF5	Isolated find	██████████	Coarse-grained mudstone flake.
43-3-0149	Quorn Park-IF6	Isolated find	██████████	Volcanic flaked piece.
43-3-0152	Quorn Park-IF7	Isolated find	██████████	Unidirectional core manufactured from a coarse-grained mudstone.
43-3-0154	Quorn Park-IF8	Isolated find	██████████	Basalt flake.
43-3-0155	Quorn Park-IF9	Isolated find	██████████	Coarse-grained mudstone flake.
43-3-0156	Quorn Park-IF10	Isolated find	██████████	Quartzite flake.
43-3-0157	Quorn Park-IF11	Isolated find	██████████	Silcrete flake.

AHIMS ID	Site Name	Site Details	GDA Zone 55 Eastings and Northings	Site Description
43-3-0158	Quorn Park-IF12	Isolated find	██████████	Silcrete flake.
43-3-0159	Quorn Park-IF13	Isolated find	██████████	Silcrete flake.
43-3-0160	Quorn Park-IF14	Isolated find	██████████	Silcrete flake.
43-3-0161	Quorn Park-IF15	Isolated find	██████████	Unidirectional core manufactured from silcrete.
43-3-0162	Quorn Park-IF16	Isolated find	██████████	Fine-grained siliceous flaked piece.
43-3-0163	Quorn Park-IF17	Isolated find	██████████	Quartz flake.
43-3-0164	Quorn Park-IF18	Isolated find	██████████	Basalt flake.
43-3-0165	Quorn Park-IF19	Isolated find	██████████	Fine-grained siliceous flake.
43-3-0166	Quorn Park-IF20	Isolated find	██████████	Silcrete, multidirectional core.
43-3-0144	Ridgey Creek-IF1	Isolated find	██████████	Basalt flake.
43-3-0145	Warrawee-IF1	Isolated find	██████████	Silcrete, multidirectional core.
43-3-0143	Ponderosa-IF1	Isolated find	██████████	Silcrete flake.

Figure 4-1: Aboriginal heritage sites recorded during the ACH&HHAR survey.

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4.2 SOCIO-CULTURAL VALUES

Socio-cultural values relate to the importance of a site or features to the relevant cultural group: in this case the Aboriginal and local community. Aspects of social value include the assessment of sites, objects and landscapes that are traditionally significant or that have contemporary importance to the Aboriginal community. This importance involves both traditional links with specific areas, as well as an overall concern by Aboriginal people for their sites generally and the continued protection of these. This type of value may not be in accord with interpretations made by the archaeologist. For example, a site may have low archaeological value but high social value, or vice versa.

4.2.1 Aboriginal cultural values

All recorded Aboriginal sites identified in **Table 4-1** hold cultural value to the local Aboriginal community. However, no specific cultural values were noted throughout the ACHCRs process of OzArk 2018.

4.3 SALVAGE WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT

A surface collection salvage was undertaken on 18 March 2024 in accordance with this AHMP. The salvage was undertaken by an OzArk Archaeologist and a representative from Peak Hill LALC. The 12 Aboriginal sites salvaged during this program are listed in **Table 4-2**.

The Aboriginal sites subject to collection as part of this salvage did not include all Aboriginal sites approved for salvage as per Appendix 4 Table 2 of the CoA (refer to **Appendix 1**). Under the guide of point 2 and point 8 of the Statement of Commitments (see **Section 2.2**), it was deemed appropriate not to salvage the Aboriginal sites that could be avoided by the Project, so that they can remain extant in the landscape. Additionally, Ridgely Creek-IF1 and Ridgely Creek-OS1 (located in the grid connection area) were not salvaged as it was determined they could be conserved in their current landscape given the isolated nature of impacts associated with construction of the transmission line. This determination was made based on designing impacts around the registered location and extents of Ridgely Creek-IF1 and Ridgely Creek-OS1, including a designated 5 m buffer around the sites.

Following the completion of the salvage, an Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form (ASIRF) for each site was submitted to the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) and approved on 19 March 2024. All salvaged sites are now listed as 'destroyed' on AHIMS. No further management is required for these Aboriginal sites.

The salvaged Aboriginal objects were reburied in accordance with **Section 5.4.4** (see **Figure 5-1**). This reburial location has been registered on AHIMS as site 43-3-0205 (Quorn Park reburial location).

Figure 4-2 shows the location of the Aboriginal sites which have been salvaged.

Table 4-2: Sites salvaged under the conditions of the AHMP.

AHIMS ID	Site Name	GDA255 Eastings	GDA Z55 Northings	Site type	Site status
43-3-0146	Quorn Park-IF5	██████	██████	Isolated find	Destroyed
43-3-0147	Quorn Park-IF1	██████	██████	Isolated find	Destroyed
43-3-0148	Quorn Park-IF3	██████	██████	Isolated find	Destroyed
43-3-0149	Quorn Park-IF6	██████	██████	Isolated find	Destroyed
43-3-0150	Quorn Park-IF2	██████	██████	Isolated find	Destroyed
43-3-0151	Quorn Park-IF4	██████	██████	Isolated find	Destroyed
43-3-0152	Quorn Park-IF7	██████	██████	Isolated find	Destroyed
43-3-0154	Quorn Park-IF8	██████	██████	Isolated find	Destroyed
43-3-0155	Quorn Park-IF9	██████	██████	Isolated find	Destroyed
43-3-0156	Quorn Park-IF10	██████	██████	Isolated find	Destroyed
43-3-0157	Quorn Park-IF11	██████	██████	Isolated find	Destroyed
43-3-0158	Quorn Park-IF12	██████	██████	Isolated find	Destroyed

Figure 4-2: Location of the salvaged Aboriginal sites.

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5 HERITAGE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

5.1 OBLIGATION TO PROTECT ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

5.1.1 Obligation to avoid harm

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

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

Harm to an Aboriginal object or Aboriginal site includes:

- Moving or collecting stone artefacts (although picking up artefacts and inspecting them is acceptable if they are immediately returned to their original location).
- Disturbing the earth where stone artefacts are located, e.g., by earthworks for drains, roads, etc.
- Breaking stone artefacts, e.g. by running over them in a vehicle.
- Cutting down, disturbing or otherwise marking scarred trees.

Trivial or negligible impacts on Aboriginal objects are not regarded as harm. However, 'trivial' is defined, for example, as breaking an artefact during gardening.

5.1.2 Obligation to protect

All personnel, contractors and subcontractors having responsibility for land management, construction or operation of the Project have an obligation to protect Aboriginal heritage within their area of work responsibility.

Protection means having accurate information on the location of known Aboriginal heritage objects on all applicable plans and undertaking active measures to avoid harm to Aboriginal heritage. This may include fencing, mitigation of erosion effects, and/or modification of work plans to safeguard Aboriginal heritage such as changing design plans to avoid harm to known Aboriginal objects.

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

The location of Aboriginal objects will be made clear to any future users or owners of an area. Moreover, implementation of an unanticipated finds protocol will be in place for all Project activities (**Section 6.1**).

5.1.3 Obligation to implement management measures

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

5.1.4 Obligation to minimise harm to the environment

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

5.2 ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE AWARENESS TRAINING

The Proponent recognises that training and awareness is an important aspect of the EMS.

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

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

- The Project is located on Wiradjuri Country
- Aboriginal sites occur across the development site boundary
- Aboriginal sites are of great significance to the Aboriginal community, are important to the wider community and will be treated with respect
- Many Aboriginal artefacts are hidden within the topsoil and are not readily visible. The apparent absence of a site does not mean it is no longer in existence
- Aboriginal sites are protected by law. If any sites not permitted to be impacted under the AHMP, relevant fines for non-compliance may be issued
- Protocols to be followed for unanticipated finds or skeletal remains.

An artefact identification sheet is provided in **Appendix 4** to assist employees, contractors, sub-contractors, and visitors to the Project in case they encounter a potential artefact.

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

5.3 PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Proponent will manage Project-related risks to ensure that there are no exceedances of the criteria and/or performance measures as follows:

- a) That this AHMP is used and adhered to in relation to the protection and management of Aboriginal heritage
- b) That all reasonable care is taken to ensure the conservation of all known Aboriginal cultural heritage
- c) That all new discoveries of Aboriginal cultural heritage are appropriately managed
- d) That all applicable plans show the location of known Aboriginal cultural heritage objects so that harm to the objects is prevented
- e) That consultation is ongoing with the RAPs
- f) That all workers and contractors engaged in works are aware of the legislative requirement to conserve known Aboriginal cultural heritage objects
- g) That the Proponent undertake consultation with the RAPs both in terms of assessing the significance of any new discoveries of Aboriginal objects and concerning any incident or update to this AHMP
- h) That Proponent have no incidents or non-compliances.

If any of these performance measures fail, the Proponent will immediately:

- a) Take all reasonable and feasible measures to ensure that the exceedance ceases and does not recur
- b) Consider all reasonable and feasible options for remediation (where relevant) and submit a report to DPHI describing those options and any preferred remediation measures or another course of action
- c) Implement remediation measures as directed by the Planning Secretary, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary.

5.4 MANAGEMENT MEASURES TO PROTECT EXTANT (VALID) ABORIGINAL SITES

5.4.1 Measures to protect extant (valid) Aboriginal sites

Table 5-1 lists the 14 Aboriginal sites which remain extant (valid) across the development site boundary and must be protected from harm. **Figure 5-1** shows the location of these Aboriginal sites.

Table 5-1 includes nine Aboriginal sites listed in Appendix 4 Table 2 of the CoA (refer to **Appendix 1**) which are approved for collection but were not salvaged as it was determined they could be avoided by the Project (refer to **Section 4.3**).

Table 5-1 and **Figure 5-1** also include the artefact reburial location (site 43-3-0205; Quorn Park reburial location) for the artefacts collected during the March 2024 salvage program (refer to **Section 4.3**).

To ensure the extant (valid) Aboriginal sites in the development site boundary listed in **Table 5-1** are conserved in the landscape, the following management measures will be undertaken:

- All employees, contractors, sub-contractors and visitors to the Project will be made aware of the obligation to avoid harm to Aboriginal heritage through an Aboriginal heritage component of a general site induction as per **Section 5.2**
- Temporary fencing and a sign will be erected around the extent of all the extant (valid) Aboriginal sites located in Lot 2 DP1305929 (Quorn Park-IF13 to Quorn Park-IF20 and Quorn Park-OS1 to Quorn Park-OS3) prior to the construction of the Project (excluding those in the grid connection works). Fencing will include star pickets and wire. A 5 m buffer around the extent of these Aboriginal sites is sufficient. **Figure 5-2** to **Figure 5-4** shows the fencing buffer that will be applied at the artefact scatters (Quorn Park-OS1 to Quorn Park-OS3). A 5 m buffer around the site centroid for the isolated finds (Quorn Park-IF13 to Quorn Park-IF20) will be erected. An archaeologist will assist with demarcating the extents of fencing. During construction of the solar farm, fencing at these Aboriginal sites will be inspected quarterly by the Proponent to ensure it is still intact. The Proponent will keep a record of all locations inspected, make a note on the condition of fencing and/or signage and keep a photographic record. The temporary fencing around these Aboriginal sites will be removed once the solar farm is operational. The location of these Aboriginal sites will also be made available on all plans for contractors
- A boundary fence will be installed around the perimeter of the solar farm as noted in **Section 1.2**. This will include a solar farm fence in certain areas, while existing farm fencing will be utilised where possible. This will ensure the extant (valid) Aboriginal sites are not harmed once the solar farm is operational. At all gates which provide access to areas outside the final design area, signs will be erected stating the presence of extant (valid) Aboriginal sites and note that no ground disturbing works can take place point outside the final design area. The boundary fence and signs will be inspected quarterly by the Proponent during the construction of the solar farm to ensure the fencing remains in good condition and the signs are still present. Once the solar farm is operational, inspections of the boundary fence and signage at access points will be undertaken annually by the Proponent. The Proponent will keep a record of all locations inspected, make a note on the condition of fencing and/or signage and keep a photographic record. Any employees, contractors, sub-contractors and visitors who need to access areas outside the final design area will be made aware of the obligation to avoid harm to Aboriginal heritage and be provided with a map showing the location of the extant (valid) Aboriginal sites
- The access route designated for the completion of the vegetation buffer (landscape screening) (see **Figure 1-2**) will be demarcated prior to use and contractors completing the planting will be provided with a map of the designated access route showing the location of the extant (valid) Aboriginal sites
- Aboriginal sites 43-3-0144 (Ridgey Creek-IF1) and 43-3-0153 (Ridgey Creek-OS1), located in the grid connection works area (see **Figure 5-1**), will be temporarily fenced prior to the construction of the transmission line commencing. Fencing will include a high visibility barrier (such as barrier mesh or bunting fencing). A 5 m buffer around the extent of these Aboriginal sites is sufficient. An archaeologist will assist with demarcating the extents of fencing. The location and extent of these sites and well as the 5 m buffer will

be made available on all plans for contractors (see **Figure 5-5**). Fortnightly inspections will be undertaken by the Proponent to ensure the temporary fencing and signage remains in place. The temporary fencing and signage around these two Aboriginal sites will be removed once the grid connection works have been completed in Lot 1 DP1090411

- Fencing and a sign will be erected prior to construction of the Project commencing around the reburial location (site 43-3-0205; Quorn Park reburial location) in accordance with **Section 5.4.4**
- The Proponent will provide the landholder of Lot 2 DP 1305929 a map showing the location of the valid (extant) Aboriginal sites and ensure they are aware of their obligations to avoid harm to these sites on their land under the NPW Act. This will include notifying the landholder that grazing may continue but the locations must not be impacted by ground disturbing works (i.e. cultivation).

Table 5-1: Aboriginal sites which remain extant (valid).

AHIMS ID	Site Name	GDA Z55 Eastings	GDA Z55 Northings	Site type	Note
43-3-0144	Ridgey Creek-IF1	██████	██████	Isolated find	Listed in Appendix 4 Table 2 of the CoA for salvage however the site has not been subject to collection as it can be avoided through detailed design of the transmission line and remains extant (valid). Temporary fencing and signage will be erected around the 5 m buffer of the registered site extent prior to construction of the transmission line commencing. Fencing and signage will be removed once all activities associated with the transmission line in Lot 1 DP1090411 have been completed. Fencing and signage will be monitored fortnightly during construction of the transmission line.
43-3-0153	Ridgey Creek-OS1	██████	██████	Artefact scatter	Listed in Appendix 4 Table 2 of the CoA for salvage however the site has not been subject to collection as it can be avoided through detailed design of the transmission line and remains extant (valid). Temporary fencing and signage will be erected around the 5 m buffer of the registered site extent prior to construction of the transmission line commencing. Fencing and signage will be removed once all activities associated with the transmission line in Lot 1 DP1090411 have been completed. Fencing and signage will be monitored fortnightly during construction of the transmission line.
43-3-0159	Quorn Park-IF13	██████	██████	Isolated find	Listed in Appendix 4 Table 2 of the CoA for salvage but can be avoided during the construction and operation of the Project. Therefore, the site has not been

AHIMS ID	Site Name	GDA Z55 Eastings	GDA Z55 Northings	Site type	Note
					<p>salvaged and remains extant (valid).</p> <p>Temporary fencing and signage will be erected around the 5 m buffer of the registered site extent prior to construction commencing and remain in place during the construction of the solar farm. Fencing and signage will be monitored quarterly during construction of the solar farm.</p>
43-3-0160	Quorn Park-IF14	██████	██████	Isolated find	<p>Listed in Appendix 4 Table 2 of the CoA for salvage but can be avoided during the construction and operation of the Project. Therefore, the site has not been salvaged and remains extant (valid).</p> <p>Temporary fencing and signage will be erected around the 5 m buffer of the registered site extent prior to construction commencing and remain in place during the construction of the solar farm. Fencing and signage will be monitored quarterly during construction of the solar farm.</p>
43-3-0161	Quorn Park-IF15	██████	██████	Isolated find	<p>Listed in Appendix 4 Table 2 of the CoA for salvage but can be avoided during the construction and operation of the Project. Therefore, the site has not been salvaged and remains extant (valid).</p> <p>Temporary fencing and signage will be erected around the 5 m buffer of the registered site extent prior to construction commencing and remain in place during the construction of the solar farm. Fencing and signage will be monitored quarterly during construction of the solar farm.</p>
43-3-0162	Quorn Park-IF16	██████	██████	Isolated find	<p>Listed in Appendix 4 Table 2 of the CoA for salvage but can be avoided during the construction and operation of the Project. Therefore, the site has not been salvaged and remains extant (valid).</p> <p>Temporary fencing and signage will be erected around the 5 m buffer of the registered site extent prior to construction commencing and remain in place during the construction of the solar farm. Fencing and signage will be monitored quarterly during construction of the solar farm.</p>
43-3-0163	Quorn Park-IF17	██████	██████	Isolated find	<p>Listed in Appendix 4 Table 2 of the CoA for salvage but can be avoided during the construction and operation of the Project. Therefore, the site has not been salvaged and remains extant (valid).</p>

AHIMS ID	Site Name	GDA Z55 Eastings	GDA Z55 Northings	Site type	Note
					Temporary fencing and signage will be erected around the 5 m buffer of the registered site extent prior to construction commencing and remain in place during the construction of the solar farm. Fencing and signage will be monitored quarterly during construction of the solar farm.
43-3-0164	Quorn Park-IF18	██████	██████	Isolated find	<p>Listed in Appendix 4 Table 2 of the CoA for salvage but can be avoided during the construction and operation of the Project. Therefore, the site has not been salvaged and remains extant (valid).</p> <p>Temporary fencing and signage will be erected around the 5 m buffer of the registered site extent prior to construction commencing and remain in place during the construction of the solar farm. Fencing and signage will be monitored quarterly during construction of the solar farm.</p>
43-3-0165	Quorn Park-IF19	██████	██████	Isolated find	<p>Listed in Appendix 4 Table 2 of the CoA for salvage but can be avoided during the construction and operation of the Project. Therefore, the site has not been salvaged and remains extant (valid).</p> <p>Temporary fencing and signage will be erected around the 5 m buffer of the registered site extent prior to construction commencing and remain in place during the construction of the solar farm. Fencing and signage will be monitored quarterly during construction of the solar farm.</p>
43-3-0166	Quorn Park-IF20	██████	██████	Isolated find	<p>Listed in Appendix 4 Table 2 of the CoA for salvage but can be avoided during the construction and operation of the Project. Therefore, the site has not been salvaged and remains extant (valid).</p> <p>Temporary fencing and signage will be erected around the 5 m buffer of the registered site extent prior to construction commencing and remain in place during the construction of the solar farm. Fencing and signage will be monitored quarterly during construction of the solar farm.</p>
43-3-0169	Quorn Park-OS1	██████	██████	Artefact scatter	<p>Listed in Appendix 4 Table 1 of the CoA as a site that must be avoided.</p> <p>Site remains extant (valid).</p> <p>Temporary fencing and signage will be erected around the 5 m buffer of the registered site extent prior to construction commencing and remain in</p>

AHIMS ID	Site Name	GDA Z55 Eastings	GDA Z55 Northings	Site type	Note
					place during the construction of the solar farm. Fencing and signage will be monitored quarterly during construction of the solar farm.
43-3-0168	Quorn Park-OS2	██████	██████	Artefact scatter	Listed in Appendix 4 Table 1 of the CoA as a site that must be avoided. Site remains extant (valid). Temporary fencing and signage will be erected around the 5 m buffer of the registered site extent prior to construction commencing and remain in place during the construction of the solar farm. Fencing and signage will be monitored quarterly during construction of the solar farm.
43-3-0167	Quorn Park-OS3	██████	██████	Artefact scatter	Listed in Appendix 4 Table 1 of the CoA as a site that must be avoided. Site remains extant (valid). Temporary fencing and signage will be erected around the 5 m buffer of the registered site extent prior to construction commencing and remain in place during the construction of the solar farm. Fencing and signage will be monitored quarterly during construction of the solar farm.
43-3-0205	Quorn Park reburial location	██████	██████	Artefact reburial location	Registered reburial location following CoA. This site is to be avoided. Fencing and signage will in erected prior to the construction of the solar farm.

Figure 5-1: Location of the extant (valid) Aboriginal sites.

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Figure 5-2: 5 m temporary buffer fencing at Quorn Park-OS1.

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Figure 5-3: 5 m temporary buffer fencing at Quorn Park-OS2.

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Figure 5-4: 5 m temporary buffer fencing at Quorn Park-OS3.

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Figure 5-5: 4 m temporary buffer fencing at Ridgely Creek-IF1 and Ridgely Creek-OS1.

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5.4.2 Surface collection methodology

If, during the construction or operation of the Project, it is determined that any of the extant (valid) Aboriginal sites listed Appendix 4 Table 2 of the CoA (refer to **Appendix 1**) require salvage, the surface collection methodology detailed below will be followed. This ACHMP will be updated and approved by the Planning Secretary prior to any additional salvage taking place.

The methodology for surface collection will include:

- All visible artefacts at a site will be flagged in the field
- The site will be photographed after flagging and before recording
- All artefacts will have the following artefact information recorded:
 - Location
 - Artefact class
 - Artefact type
 - Size
 - Reduction level
 - Raw material
 - Notes.
- A selection of indicative and / or unusual artefacts from each site will be photographed
- Once all recording is complete, the artefacts will be collected according to site with artefacts from each site being kept separate
- An ASIRF will be submitted to AHIMS recording the results of the salvage of the sites
- The recording of the artefacts recovered will largely be completed in the field and this data would be incorporated into a report.

5.4.3 Immediate provisions for artefact storage

If reburial of any collected Aboriginal objects is not able to take place immediately following salvage, OzArk will undertake to store any artefacts retrieved in a locked cupboard at the OzArk office: 145 Wingewarra Street, Dubbo, NSW, until the reburial can take place.

5.4.4 Long-term management of Aboriginal objects

Following consultation with RAPs during the ACHCRs, the preferred option for the long-term management of the collected Aboriginal objects is reburial at a nearby location in accordance with Requirement 26 “Stone artefact deposition and storage” in the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (the Code of Practice; DECCW 2010b) (OzArk 2018).

As noted in **Section 4.3**, reburial of Aboriginal objects subject to salvage has been completed and the reburial location registered on AHIMS as site 43-3-0205 (Quorn Park reburial location) (see **Figure 5-1** for site location). The reburial location is at GDA 2020 zone 55 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (site centroid).

Fencing and a sign will be erected prior to construction of the Project commencing around the reburial location (see **Section 5.4**).

Any unanticipated Aboriginal objects identified during the construction or operation of the Project that require collection will be reburied near the location of 43-3-0205 (Quorn Park reburial location) and a site card update be submitted to update the details of the reburial location.

5.5 LAND MANAGEMENT AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES

5.5.1 Vehicle access

Vehicle access will be restricted to within the final design area and the grid connection area during the construction and operation of the Project to avoid potential harm to the extant (valid) Aboriginal sites. If, however, access is required outside the final design area, all employees, contractors, sub-contractors and visitors will be made aware of the obligation to avoid harm to Aboriginal heritage and be provided with a map showing the location of the extant (valid) Aboriginal sites.

5.5.2 Erosion control

Any erosion and sediment control measures will be undertaken in a manner that avoids disturbance to known Aboriginal objects unless an assessment is undertaken, and the Planning Secretary grants permission for disturbance. This ACHMP will be updated and approved by the Planning Secretary prior to any erosion control measures taking place where Aboriginal objects will be harmed.

If works are required within 10 m of a known Aboriginal cultural heritage site, a suitably qualified archaeologist will inspect the site to advise on whether the proposed works are likely to harm Aboriginal objects. If harm is possible, a further archaeological assessment to inform the Secretary's permission to complete the works will be required.

If erosion control needs to take place near a known Aboriginal site, the following principles will be followed:

- Potential interactions between the remediation works and the Aboriginal cultural heritage sites will be managed. The potential for harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage objects will be assessed by a suitably qualified archaeologist
- Natural regeneration of vegetation in an area will be encouraged to return it to as near as possible its original form

- Soft engineering solutions such as the placing of hay bales or coir logs on the surface will be preferably implemented to minimise disturbance to the site.

6 DETAILED PROCEDURES

6.1 UNANTICIPATED HERITAGE FINDS PROCEDURES

The following sections outline the management strategies to be adhered to if any new Aboriginal objects or Aboriginal ancestral remains are identified during the construction or operation of the Project.

Under the NPW Act (Part 6), an Aboriginal object is defined as: any deposit, object, or material evidence (not being a handicraft for sale) relating to Aboriginal habitation of the area that comprises NSW, being habitation both prior to and concurrent with the occupation of that area by persons of European extraction and includes Aboriginal remains.

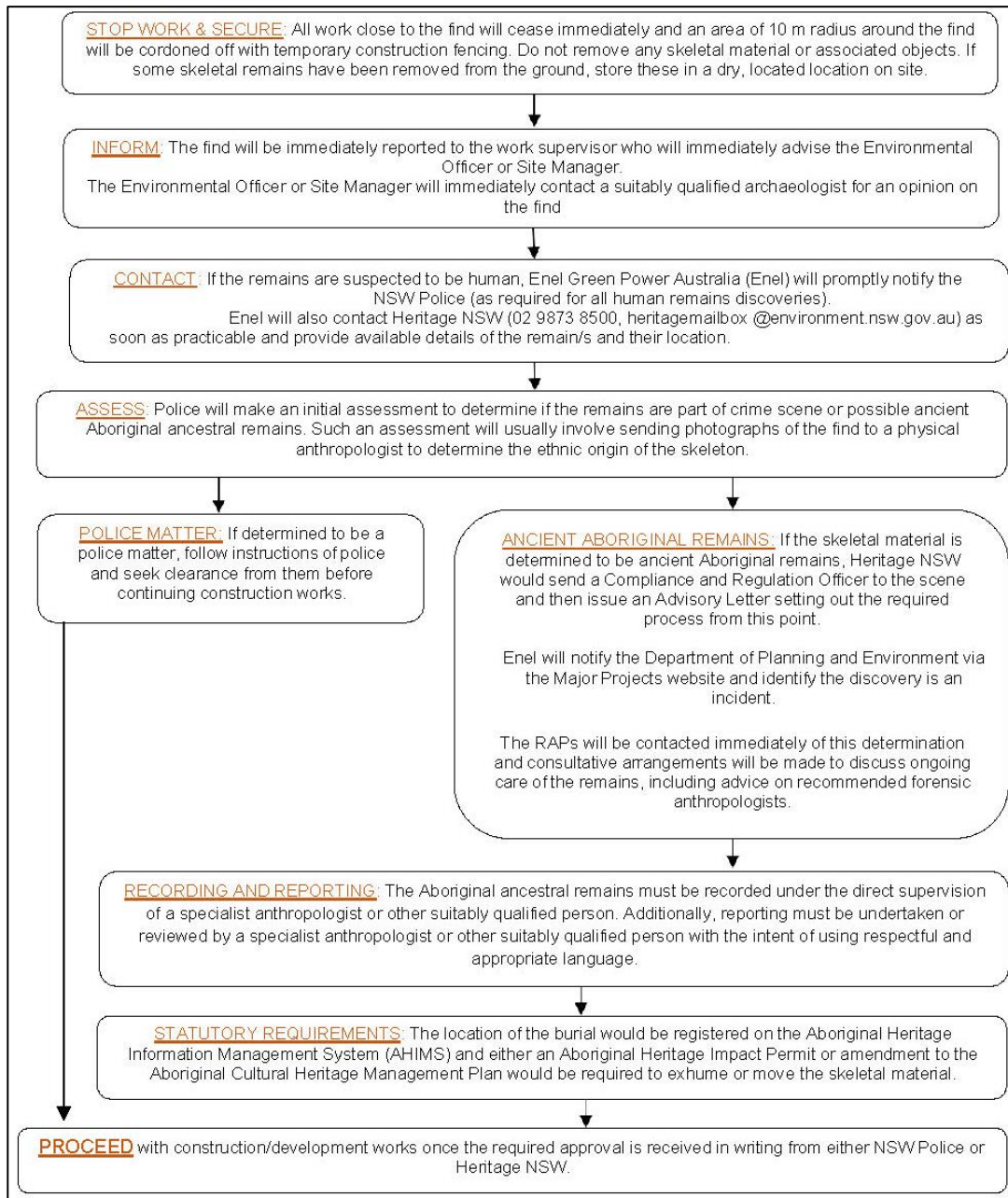
It is noted that all new sites or Aboriginal ancestral remains will be recorded in accordance with Heritage NSW requirements, including submission of a site card to Heritage NSW in accordance with Section 89A of the NPW Act.

6.1.1 Discovery of Aboriginal ancestral remains

The procedure related to the discovery of suspected human skeletal material is based on Requirement 25 of the Code of Practice.

In the event known or suspected Aboriginal skeletal remains are encountered during the construction and/or operation of the Project, the procedure outlined in **Figure 6-1** will be followed.

In the event of any unexpected, confirmed Aboriginal heritage finds, the protocols documented in **Sections 6.2** and **Section 7.2** must be followed, including all agency notifications.

Figure 6-1 –Discovery of Aboriginal ancestral remains flowchart.

6.1.2 Discovery of unrecorded Aboriginal object(s)

In the event of discovery of a previously unrecorded Aboriginal object(s), all work close to the discovery will cease and an area of 10 m around the Aboriginal object(s) fenced with temporary construction fencing. An archaeologist and members of the RAPs will be contacted to determine the significance of the Aboriginal object(s) present.

In the event of any unexpected, confirmed Aboriginal heritage finds, the protocols documented in **Sections 6.2** and **Section 7.2** must be followed, including all agency notifications.

6.1.2.1 *New sites within the final design area and grid connection area*

Any new unanticipated Aboriginal sites identified within the final design area and the grid connection area (excluding human remains, see **Section 6.1.1**) will be temporarily fenced² as quickly as possible. Signage on the fencing is to state that the area is subject to environmental protection, that no ground disturbance is allowed, and will include relevant contact details for the Environmental Officer. The minor impact to the ground surface during installation of fence posts is permissible on condition that no soil is to be removed off site. The following procedure will be implemented for any newly identified sites:

- a) The site will be assessed by a qualified archaeologist and members of the RAPs. As well as recording the site, the site's significance will also be determined through this consultation
- b) The site will be temporarily fenced
- c) The site location will be registered with AHIMS and a site card submitted (see **Section 7.2.1**)
- d) The site location will be entered on to Project plans including operational plans and maps
- e) Depending on the Aboriginal cultural heritage values at the site and the degree of immediate threat to the site, the site will be salvaged according to the methodology in this AHMP (**Section 5.4.2**)
- f) A brief report of the salvage will be produced to record the findings
- g) On the completion of salvage at such sites, an AHIMS ASIRF will be completed and submitted to the AHIMS (see **Section 7.2.2**). Copies of the forms will be archived by the Proponent. The form will be lodged within a reasonable time of fieldwork completion and certainly within six months
- h) All artefacts salvaged will be subject to reburial (**Section 5.4.4**).

6.1.2.2 *New sites outside the final design area and the grid connection area*

Any new unanticipated Aboriginal site identified outside the final design area and the grid connection area will be managed in accordance with the following procedure:

- a) The site will be assessed by a qualified archaeologist and members of the RAPs. As well as recording the site, the site's significance will also be determined through this consultation
- b) The site will be considered for fencing
- c) The site location will be registered with AHIMS and a site card submitted
- d) The site location will be entered on to Project plans, including operational maps

² A temporary fence will consist of 3–4 star pickets with caution tape strung between the star pickets.

- e) If the site contains Aboriginal objects of interest such as many artefacts or rare features such as a hearth that is in an area of active and destructive erosion and is at risk of being destroyed, Heritage NSW must be contacted for advice. Any actions will only be undertaken with the full consultation and participation of the RAPs and Heritage NSW. All instructions from Heritage NSW will be followed.

6.2 INCIDENT RESPONSE

Schedule 4 Condition 7 of the CoA sets out the procedures for the notification of incidents.

The following measures are to be put in place if there is an unintentional impact to Aboriginal heritage items occurring from the construction and/or operation of the Project. These include:

- a) The person who disturbed a site/object(s) will contact the Environmental Officer immediately
- b) The Environmental Officer will visit the site of the disturbance and record the disturbance with photographs
- c) The Environmental Officer will immediately notify the DPHI and Heritage NSW after it becomes aware of an incident occurring. The notification will be made in writing through the DPHI's Major Projects website and identify the development (including the development application number and name) and set out the location and nature of the incident.
- d) Initial notification will be followed by a more detailed report containing the following items of information (to be completed within six days):
 - Describe the date/time/nature of the incident
 - Identifies the causes of the incident
 - Describe the action taken to date
 - Describe the measures implemented as corrective actions or to prevent the repetition of similar incidents, as applicable.

Direction from DPHI and Heritage NSW will be followed.

7 RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

7.1 HERITAGE RECORDS

Copies of all heritage records will be kept by the Proponent. These will include:

- This AHMP
- A copy of the CoA for SSD 9097
- Maps and spatial data showing heritage site locations
- Archaeological reports that have been produced for the Project
- All applicable site cards and ASIRFs.

7.2 STATUTORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

7.2.1 Discovery of Aboriginal objects

Under Section 89A of the NPW Act, it is a requirement that the AHIMS Registrar is notified of the existence of Aboriginal objects as soon as practicable after they are first identified. This is usually done through the completion of an Aboriginal site card which is submitted to the Registrar of the AHIMS for inclusion on the Aboriginal sites database. Information regarding AHIMS and site recording forms can be downloaded from the Heritage NSW website³.

7.2.2 Reporting authorised harm to Aboriginal sites

Although not strictly required by the NPW Act, Heritage NSW expects that information on authorised harm to Aboriginal sites be reported to them by submitting an ASIRF which can be downloaded from the Heritage NSW website⁴.

7.2.3 Reporting of AHMP non-compliance

If any non-compliance with this AHMP, the Proponent will report the non-compliance or potential non-compliance to DPHI as per Schedule 4 Condition 8 of the CoA.

Within seven days of becoming aware of a non-compliance, the Proponent will notify DPHI of the non-compliance. The notification will be made in writing through the DPHI's Major Projects website and identify the development (including the development application number and name), set out the condition of this approval that the development is non-compliant with, why 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.

³<https://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/protecting-our-heritage/record-aboriginal-sites/>
<https://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/assets/Aboriginal-Site-Recording-Form.pdf>.

(see also:

⁴ <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/cultureheritage/aboriginal-site-impact-recording-form-120558.pdf>

A non-compliance which has been notified as an incident (**Section 6.2**) does not need to also be notified as a non-compliance.

In the event any non-compliances within the AHMP are identified, they will additionally be reported in both independent environmental audits, and Annual Reviews.

All compliance reporting is the responsibility of the Proponent's Project Manager.

7.3 PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND EXTERNAL REPORTING

The Proponent ensure the following Project information is publicly available on its website (<https://www.enelgreenpower.com/>) as per Schedule 4 Condition 10 of the CoA:

- The EIS
- This AHMP
- The final layout plans for the Project
- Current statutory approvals for the Project
- Approved strategies, plans or programs required under the conditions of this consent
- The proposed staging plans for the Project if the construction, operation or decommissioning of the Project is to be staged
- How complaints about the Project can be made
- A complaints register
- A compliance reports
- Any independent environmental audit, and the Proponent's response to the recommendations in any audit
- Any other matter required by the Secretary.

The Proponent will ensure that this information is kept up to date.

A copy of this AHMP will also be made available on the Major Project's website.

8 REVIEW AND IMPROVEMENT

8.1 IMPROVEMENT OF PERFORMANCE

The conservation of known Aboriginal sites and following the correct procedure for new discoveries is at the core of this AHMP. In **Section 5.3** several performance measures are outlined to measure how this AHMP is implemented. The performance measures will be reviewed at least on an annual basis to ensure that the AHMP remains 'fit for purpose'. Follow-up inspections will be undertaken to assess the effectiveness of any additional mitigation measures to ensure improvement of performance.

If any of these performance measures fail, the Proponent will immediately:

- a) Take all reasonable and feasible measures to ensure that the exceedance ceases and does not recur
- b) Consider all reasonable and feasible options for remediation (where relevant) and submit a report to DPHI describing those options and any preferred remediation measures or other course of action
- c) Implement remediation measures as directed by the Planning Secretary, to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary.

The Proponent will quickly respond to any audit process, community complaints, and stakeholder (internal and external) suggestions. Depending on the nature of the suggestions, this AHMP may require revision that would be undertaken in consultation with the Aboriginal community and be to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary.

At all times the Proponent will seek to improve the performance of this AHMP to ensure that Aboriginal cultural heritage is conserved and appropriately managed.

The adaptive management procedure is outlined in **Table 8-1**.

Table 8-1 – Adaptive management table.

Element	Description	Action
1	Objectives	See performance measures Section 5.3
2	Process model	The major threat to non-compliance with the AHMP is causing harm to a known Aboriginal cultural heritage site or the incorrect management of new discoveries.
3	Plan	All workers will be aware of the legislative requirements to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and to be aware of the correct procedure for the discovery of new Aboriginal objects. All known Aboriginal cultural heritage sites will be marked on all appropriate plans to ensure that their location is known and that there will be no inadvertent harm to the sites. If any of the performance measures fail, it may be necessary to revise this Plan in consultation with the Aboriginal community and to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary.
4	Implement feedback	This AHMP will be reviewed at least annually to ensure that it remains 'fit for purpose'. This review will monitor the management effectiveness of the AHMP.

Element	Description	Action
		The AHMP may also require review and possible revision following community complaints, community suggestions, or from internal or external audits.

8.2 REVISION OF STRATEGIES, PLANS AND PROGRAMS

Ongoing monitoring and review of the performance and implementation of this AHMP will be undertaken in accordance with Schedule 4 Condition 2(b) of the CoA.

Schedule 4, Condition 2(b) states that a review of the AHMP will occur within one month of:

- The submission of an incident report (as discussed in **Section 6.2**)
- The submission of an audit report, should it recommend a review of this AHMP
- Any modifications to the conditions of this approval (unless the conditions require otherwise).

The Proponent will review, and if necessary, revise, the strategies, plans, and programs required under this approval to the satisfaction of the Secretary. Where this review leads to revisions in any such document, then within eight weeks of the review, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise, the revised document will be submitted to the Secretary for approval.

8.3 AHMP REVIEW

The AHMP will be reviewed following any salvage activities, a change in legislation, or modification to CoA containing conditions relevant to Aboriginal cultural heritage. This will include a review of performance and consideration of ongoing consultation. This will ensure the adequacy of the AHMP and allow for opportunities of adaptive management and continual improvement.

Changes will be made to the AHMP in the following circumstances:

- Following the completion of salvage activities approved by the CoA and this AHMP
- Where new Aboriginal sites are discovered which require specific management approaches proportionate to their cultural significance and which are not otherwise covered in this AHMP
- Where approved modifications to the Project introduce new impacts on Aboriginal heritage which are not generally covered by this AHMP
- Where approved changes to the Project change or remove previously planned impacts on Aboriginal heritage where mitigation was proposed in the AHMP but is no longer required.

Where changes are made to the AHMP, a draft will be subject to Aboriginal consultation in accordance with the AHMP in accordance with **Section 3.2.3**. Matters raised in consultation which are specific to the changes in the AHMP may be acknowledged and addressed in the revised AHMP.

Further, a report containing the monitored effectiveness of the measures in the AHMP will also be completed following any of the circumstances listed above occurring. The report will outline whether improvements could be made to management measures throughout the AHMP. Should the report find improvements could be made, the AHMP will be updated.

Review and revision of the AHMP will be to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary of DPHI. If a review of this AHMP is determined to be required, the review of the AHMP will be undertaken by a suitably qualified person whose appointment has been approved by the Secretary in accordance with the CoA.

8.4 INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT

As per Schedule 4, Condition 9 of the CoA, independent audits of the Project will be conducted and carried out in accordance with the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)*.

In accordance with the specific requirements in the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)*, the Applicant will:

- a) Review and respond to each Independent Audit Report prepared under condition 12 of Schedule 4, or condition 14 of Schedule 4 where notice is given by the Planning Secretary;
- b) Review and respond to each Independent Audit Report prepared under condition 12 of Schedule 4, or condition 14 of Schedule 4 where notice is given by the Planning Secretary;
- c) Make each Independent Audit Report, and response to it, publicly available within 60 days of the submission to the Planning Secretary.

Independent Audit Reports and the Applicant's response to audit findings will be submitted to the Planning Secretary within 2 months of undertaking the independent audit site inspection as outlined in the *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements (2020)*.

The recommendations of the Independent Audit Reports will be implemented to the satisfaction of the Planning Secretary.

9 ACCOUNTABILITIES

Roles and responsibilities for the Proponent's personnel and contractors are outlined in **Table 9-1**.

Table 9-1: Accountabilities.

Role	Accountabilities for this document
Project Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the AHMP • Provide adequate resources for the implementation of this AHMP • Report all AHMP non-compliance and incidents to DPPI through the Major Projects website • Comply with all requirements in this AHMP.
Environmental Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the AHMP • Include any actions undertaken in the Annual Review report • Ensure inclusion of Aboriginal heritage in worker inductions through delivery or input to induction documents • Management of consultants/archaeologists • Undertake consultation with RAPs as required • Respond to Aboriginal cultural heritage related complaints • Ensure audit and relevant statutory reporting is undertaken • Report on continuous improvement opportunities • Distribute copies of this AHMP as required • Maintain records of Aboriginal consultation and past AHMPs including updating the website where relevant • Arrange for review of the AHMP as set out in Section 8.2.
All personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report all incidents and non-compliance to the Project Manager and Environmental Officer • Comply with all requirements in this AHMP • Undertake operations in a proper and efficient manner in accordance with the AHMP

10 DEFINITIONS

The following terms have been used in this AHMP and are detailed in **Table 10-1**.

Table 10-1: Aboriginal heritage definitions.

Term	Definition
Aboriginal heritage	Those aspects of Aboriginal culture that are inherited from the past may be referred to as Aboriginal heritage. For the purpose of this AHMP the term is used to collectively refer to Aboriginal sites and archaeologically sensitive areas.
AHMP	Heritage Management Plan. Describes this document which is a requirement of State Significant Developments (SSDs). An AHMP both manages impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage within approved development footprints (AHIPs are not required), as well as management of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and values outside of approved impact areas but within land able to be managed by Enel Green Power Australia (the Proponent).
Aboriginal object	A physical manifestation of past Aboriginal activity. The legal term is defined in the NPW Act Section 5 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 (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non-Aboriginal extraction and includes Aboriginal remains. Typical examples include stone artefacts, grinding grooves, Aboriginal rock shelters which by definition include physical evidence of occupation, midden shell, hearths, stone arrangements and other landscape features which derive from past Aboriginal activity.
Aboriginal site	The location where a person in the present day can observe one or more Aboriginal objects. The boundaries of a site are limited to the extent of the observed evidence. A 'site' does not include the inferred extent of unobserved Aboriginal objects (such as archaeological deposit). Different archaeologists can have varying definitions of a 'site' and may use the term to reflect the assumed extent of past Aboriginal activity beyond visible Aboriginal objects. Such use of the term risks defining all of Australia as a single 'site'.
Aboriginal stone artefact	A stone object with morphological features derived from past Aboriginal activity such as intentional fracture, abrasion or impact. Artefacts are distinguished by morphology and context. Typically, flaked stone artefacts are distinguished from naturally broken stone by recognition of clear marginal fracture initiation (typically hertzian/conchoidal or wedging initiation) on highly siliceous stone types which can often be exotic to the area. Care must be taken to distinguish modern broken stone in machine impacted contexts and therefore context must be carefully considered as well as morphology.
AHIMS	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System – a computer software system employed by Heritage NSW to manage many aspects of Aboriginal site recording and permitting. AHIMS includes an Aboriginal sites database which can be accessed via an internet portal.
AHIP	Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit – issued to permit harm to Aboriginal objects under section 90 the NPW Act.
ASIRF	Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form. A standardised form for recording authorised impacts to Aboriginal sites. Only with a completed ASIRF can a site be listed as 'destroyed' on the AHIMS.
DPE	Department of Planning and Environment. DPE is the former NSW government department responsible for project approval and the administration of this AHMP. Now DPHI
DPHI	Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. NSW government department responsible for project approval and the administration of this AHMP.
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement. This is the document which includes all environmental factors, including heritage, which is used by the government to determine the merits of a particular project.
Heritage NSW	Government department tasked with managing regulation and compliance associated with the NPW Act.
Isolated find	A single artefact not directly associated with any other artefacts. The origin of an isolated find may be the spot of the loss or the discard of an artefact, however, most commonly they are artefacts that have been dislodged from their original context by erosion or another impact and redeposited elsewhere. As such, isolated finds rarely have a high archaeological value.
Open stone artefact site/stone artefact site	An unenclosed area where Aboriginal stone artefacts occur – typically exposed from a topsoil archaeological deposit by erosion. Typically, the term is used to refer to two or more artefacts although this is an arbitrary distinction. A general 'rule of thumb' boundary definition employed by archaeologists is that artefacts or features more than 50m apart are regarded as separate sites; however, there is no theoretical imperative dictating such as rule. (The 50m separation rule may not have been used consistently in previous site recording).
RAP	Registered Aboriginal Party

Term	Definition
Salvage	In the face of an impact an appropriate mitigation strategy for archaeological sites is to salvage the site to protect individual artefacts from harm but, more importantly, to record as much information about the site before it is impacted, and the information lost.

11 DOCUMENT INFORMATION

11.1 RELEVANT LEGISLATION

The following legislation is relevant to this AHMP:

- *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*
- *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984* (Commonwealth)
- *National Parks and Wildlife Regulations 2019*.

11.2 REFERENCE INFORMATION

Reference information, listed in **Table 11-1**, is information that is directly related to the development of this AHMP or referenced from within this AHMP.

Table 11-1: Reference information.

Reference	Title
DECCW 2010a	DECCW 2010. <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010</i> , Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, Sydney.
DECCW 2010b	DECCW 2010. <i>Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales</i> , Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, Sydney.
OzArk 2018	OzArk Environment & Heritage Management 2018. <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage & Historic Heritage Assessment Report: Quorn Park Solar Farm</i> . Report to Quorn Park Solar Farm Pty Ltd.
Premise 2019	Premise. 2019. <i>Environment Impact Statement: Quorn Park Solar Farm</i> . Report to Quorn Park Solar Farm Pty Ltd.

11.3 CHANGE INFORMATION

A summary of the document history is provided in **Table 11-2** below.

Table 11-2: Change information.

Version	Date	Author	Description
1	September 2023	OzArk Environment & Heritage	First AHMP for SSD 9097 prepared in accordance with Schedule 3 Condition 20.
2	November 2024	OzArk Environment & Heritage	Amendments following approval of Modification 1 and salvage works.
3	February 2025	Premise and OzArk Environment & Heritage	Amendments following approval of Modification 2.

APPENDIX 1: CoA CONDITIONS RELEVANT TO ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

HERITAGE

Protection of Heritage Items

19. 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.

Prior to carrying out any development that could directly or indirectly impact the Aboriginal 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 on site, in accordance with the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW, 2010), or its latest version.

Note: The location of the Aboriginal heritage items referred to in this condition are shown in the figures in Appendix 4.

Heritage Management Plan

20. Prior to commencing construction, the Applicant must prepare a Heritage Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the **Planning** Secretary in writing. 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 **Heritage NSW** and Aboriginal Stakeholders;
 - (c) include a description of the measures that would be implemented for:
 - protecting the Aboriginal heritage items identified in Table 1 of Appendix 4 or items located outside the approved development footprint, including fencing off the Aboriginal heritage items prior to commencing construction;
 - salvaging and relocating the Aboriginal heritage items located within the approved development footprint, as identified in Table 2 of Appendix 4;
 - a contingency plan and reporting procedure if:
 - previously unidentified heritage items are found; or
 - Aboriginal skeletal material is discovered;
 - ensuring workers on site receive suitable heritage inductions prior to carrying out any development on site, and that records are kept of these inductions; and
 - ongoing consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders during the implementation of the plan; and
 - (d) include a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these measures and any heritage impacts of the project.

Following the **Planning** Secretary's approval, the Applicant must implement the Heritage Management Plan.

APPENDIX 4 ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ITEMS

Table 1: Aboriginal heritage items – avoid impacts

<i>Item</i>
OS1 (artefact scatter)
OS2 (artefact scatter)
OS3 (artefact scatter)
Warrawee IF1 (Isolated Find)
Ponderosa IF 1(Isolated Find)

** Only items within the exclusion zones are to be avoided (refer to the Figure in this Appendix to identify exclusion zones)*

Table 2: Aboriginal heritage items – surface collection salvage

<i>Site</i>
Ridgey Creek – OS 1
QP IF 1 – QP IF 20
Ridgey Creek IF 1

APPENDIX 2: GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION RECORDS

Appendix 2 Table 1: Government stakeholder consultation on this AHMP.

Date	Organisation	Comment	Method
14.6.23	Heritage NSW	Draft AHMP (V1) submitted for Heritage NSW review.	Via Major Projects website
11.7.23	Heritage NSW	Response received on the draft AHMP (V1).	Via Major Projects website
19.12.24	Heritage NSW	AHMP (V3) submitted for Heritage NSW review.	Via Major Projects website
9.1.25	Heritage NSW	Response received on the draft AHMP (V3).	Via Major Projects website

Appendix 2 Figure 1: Correspondence with Heritage NSW on Version 1 of the AHMP.

Hajer Azher
Business Development Manager
Enel Green Power Australia
Email: Hajer.azher@enel.com

Your reference: SSD-9097-PA-2
Our reference: DOC23/517719

Dear Hajer,

**Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan – State Significant Development – Quorn
Park Solar Farm – SSD-9097-PA-2**

Thank you for your referral seeking advice on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) for the above State Significant Development (SSD) project. Thank you for the continued opportunity to comment on the project.

It is understood that the ACHMP encompasses the Quorn Park Solar Farm, covered by approved SSD-9097. Heritage NSW has no further comments on the ACHMP and supports the recommendations and management strategies outlined in the ACHMP.

Please ensure that the adjacent property owners, which contain Aboriginal cultural heritage sites identified during the Environmental Impact Assessment, are made aware of their obligations to avoid harm to the sites on their land under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

Please note that the above comments relate only to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Corey O'Driscoll, Senior Assessments Officer, at Heritage NSW on 6229 7079 and corey.odriscoll@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicole Davis'.

Nicole Davis
Manager Assessments
Heritage NSW
Department of Planning and Environment
(As Delegate under *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*)
Date: 11 July 2023

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Appendix 2 Figure 2: Correspondence with Heritage NSW on Version 3 of the AHMP.

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water



Our ref: HMS ID 8384

David Keohane
 Enel Green Power
 david.keohane@enel.com
 Letter uploaded to the Major Projects Planning Portal

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan – State Significant Development
Proposal: Quorn Park Solar Farm
Major Project reference: SSD-9097-PA-35
Received: 19 December 2024

Dear David,

Thank you for your referral seeking advice on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan dated December 2024 (Version 3) for the above State Significant Development. Thank you for the continued opportunity to comment on the project.

Heritage NSW has reviewed the updated ACHMP that now incorporates the approved Modification 2 project area and does not include any additional harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage. Heritage NSW notes that the ACHMP is currently under review by the project's Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs), however as the changes are largely administrative the ACHMP may be implemented and any comments from the RAPs incorporated into the ACHMP and provided to Heritage NSW.

Please note that the above comments relate only to Aboriginal cultural heritage regulation matters. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Corey O'Driscoll, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

Alison Lamond

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APPENDIX 3: ABORIGINAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION RECORDS



Appendix 3 Table 1: Aboriginal consultation log on this AHMP.

Date	Organisation	Comment	Method
1.5.23	Peak Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council	Catherine Burrowes (CB) emailed to advise that OzArk has been engaged to prepare the AHMP and provided a copy of the ACH&HHAR	Email
1.5.23	Rob Clegg	CB emailed to advise that OzArk has been engaged to prepare the AHMP and provided a copy of the ACH&HHAR.	Email
1.5.23	Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation	CB emailed to advise that OzArk has been engaged to prepare the AHMP and provided a copy of the ACH&HHAR	Email
1.5.23	Rob Clegg	CB received email - Great news, thanks for the update.	Email
3.5.23	Peak Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council	CB emailed AHMP draft - closing date 1.6.23	Email
3.5.23	Rob Clegg	CB emailed AHMP draft - closing date 1.6.23	Email
3.5.23	Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation	CB emailed AHMP draft - closing date 1.6.23	Email
4.5.23	Rob Clegg	CB received email - <i>Looks great. And you have covered everything that is needed and of concern. Thank you for an uncomplicated report easy to understand and follow.</i>	Email
4.5.23	Rob Clegg	CB replied, thanking Rob for his email	Email
30.5.23	Peak Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council	CB emailed AHMP draft reminder - closing date 1.6.23	Email
30.5.23	Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation	CB emailed AHMP draft reminder- closing date 1.6.23	Email
2.7.24	Rob Clegg	Imogen Crome (IC) emailed salvage report	Email
2.7.24	Peak Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council	IC emailed salvage report	Email
2.7.24	Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation	IC emailed salvage report	Email
2.7.24	Rob Clegg	IC receives thanks	Email
18.8.24	Peak Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council	CB emailed updated AHMP (Version 2)	Email
18.8.24	Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation	CB emailed updated AHMP (Version 2)	Email
18.8.24	Rob Clegg	CB emailed updated AHMP (Version 2)	Email
17.12.24	Peak Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council	SR emailed advising approval of Modification 2 and updated AHMP (Version 3)	Email
17.12.24	Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation	SR emailed advising approval of Modification 2 and updated AHMP (Version 3)	Email
17.12.24	Rob Clegg	SR emailed advising approval of Modification 2 and updated AHMP (Version 3)	Email
4.1.25	Peak Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council	SR emailed follow up email for feedback on the updated AHMP (Version 3).	Email
4.1.25	Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation	SR emailed follow up email for feedback on the updated AHMP (Version 3).	Email
4.1.25	Rob Clegg	SR emailed follow up email for feedback on the updated AHMP (Version 3).	Email
4.1.25	Rob Clegg	SR received an email advising no comments on the updated AHMP (Version 3).	Email
5.1.25	Peak Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council	CB left message requesting any feedback on the updated AHMP (Version 3).	Phone
5.1.25	Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation	CB left message requesting any feedback on the updated AHMP (Version 3).	Phone


Appendix 3 Figure 1: Email to RAPs providing an update on the AHMP.


Email to Peak Hill LALC

Quorn Park Solar HMP

 Catherine Burrowes
To 

Mon 1/05/2023 4:15 PM

 You forwarded this message on 3/05/2023 10:03 AM.

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.pdf File

"OzArk would like to advise you as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the Quorn Park Solar Farm at Parkes (the Project) that we have been engaged by Enel Green Power Australia to prepare the Heritage Management Plan (HMP).

Development Consent for the Project was received from the Minister of Planning and Public Spaces, approved as State Significant Development (SSD) 9097, on 16 July 2020. Attached is a copy of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) prepared by OzArk in 2018 for the Project.

The HMP is currently in preparation and a draft will be provided to you in the next couple of weeks for your review and feedback.



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Catherine Burrowes
OzArk Environment & Heritage
Office Manager
(02) 6882 0118

Email to Rob Clegg

Quorn Park Solar HMP

 Catherine Burrowes
To 

Mon 1/05/2023 4:16 PM

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Appendix 3 Figure 2: Email (BCC) to RAPs seeking review of the draft of this AHMP.

From: Catherine Burrowes
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 4:40 PM
Subject: Draft ACHMP - Quorn Park Solar Farm

Dear Members,

Please find attached the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Quorn Park Solar Farm for your comment and review.

Please provide any comments by 1 June 2023 (28 days).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Kind Regards,
 Catherine

Catherine Burrowes
 Office Manager/
 Community Liaison



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Appendix 3 Figure 3: Email reminder to RAPs to provide feedback


RE: Quorn Park Solar HMP



Catherine Burrowes

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V1.3 DRAFT Quorn Solar Farm ACHMP_2023.pdf
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Dear Members,




Checking on any comments or feedback on attached report please?
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Quorn Park Solar Farm.


Please provide any comments by 1 June 2023.


If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Kind Regards,
Catherine

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Appendix 3 Figure 4: Responses from Rob Clegg on the draft AHMP.


Re: Draft ACHMP - Quorn Park Solar Farm

 Robert Clegg <[redacted]>
To Catherine Burrowes

3/05/2023


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Looks great. And you have covered everything that is needed and of concern.
Thank you for an uncomplicated report easy to understand and follow.
Rob



Appendix 3 Figure 5: Salvage report to RAPs.



Quorn Park Solar Farm Salvage Report

 **Imogen Crome** <Imogen@ozarkehm.com.au>


To



Cc  Catherine Burrowes;  Stephanie

Bcc  Peak Hill Local Aboriginal Land Council; 

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Dear Members,

Thank you for your continued involvement in the Quorn Park Solar Farm Project.

I have attached for your records a copy of the *Quorn Park Solar Farm Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Salvage Report* following the salvage and reburial of the following sites on 18 March 2024:


- 43-3-0146 (Quorn Park-IF5)
- 43-3-0147 (Quorn Park-IF1)
- 43-3-0148 (Quorn Park-IF3)
- 43-3-0149 (Quorn Park-IF6)
- 43-3-0150 (Quorn Park-IF2)
- 43-3-0151 (Quorn Park-IF4)
- 43-3-0152 (Quorn Park-IF7)
- 43-3-0154 (Quorn Park-IF8)
- 43-3-0155 (Quorn Park-IF9)
- 43-3-0156 (Quorn Park-IF10)
- 43-3-0157 (Quorn Park-IF11)
- 43-3-0158 (Quorn Park-IF12)


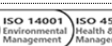

These sites were salvaged according to Section 5.4.2 of the *Quorn Park Solar Farm Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan*.

I hope you enjoy the rest of you week


Warm regards,
Imogen Crom

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Archaeologist




  





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Appendix 3 Figure 6: Revised AHMP (V2) to RAPs.

Quork Park Solar Farm - Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan

 Catherine Burrowes
To [redacted]
Bcc [redacted]

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Hello Members,

Thank you for your continued participation on the Quork Park Solar Farm project.

Please find attached for your records the updated Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan (AHMP) for the Quorn Park Solar Farm. The AHMP has been updated following the completion of the approved salvage activities. Section 4.3 provides a summary of the salvage works while Sections 5.4.1 and 5.4.2 have been amended to show which sites across the AHMP boundary are 'destroyed' and which remain valid.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our office.

Regards, Catherine

Catherine Burrowes
OzArk Environment & Heritage
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Appendix 3 Figure 7: Revised AHMP (V3) to RAPs.

Quorn Park Solar Farm - Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan

Stephanie Rusden

To

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V3 Quorn Park Solar Farm AHMP_December 2024.pdf

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Dear Members

Thank you for your continued involvement as a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) for the Quorn Park Solar Farm Project (the project). The purpose on this email is to provide you with an update on the project and the Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan (AHMP).

On 10 December 2024, Modification 2 to the project was approved, relating to an increase in the Henry Parkes Way – McGrath Lane intersection impact disturbance area.

As a result, the AHMP has been updated to include Modification 2. Revisions to the AHMP include updates to Section 1.1 to outline the approval of Modification 2 and updates to Section 3.2.2 outlining the update provided to the RAPs.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our office.

Kind regards,

Stephanie Rusden
Senior Archaeologist & Director

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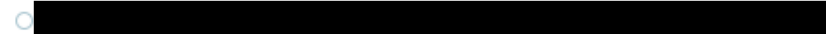
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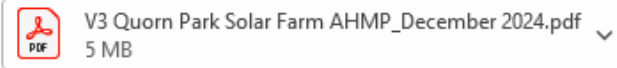
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Dear Members

Thank you for your continued involvement as a Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) for the Quorn Park Solar Farm Project (the project).

On 17 December 2024, OzArk sent through the below email with the revised Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan (AHMP) following approval of Modification 2 to the project (see attached).

We are following up to see whether you have any comments or questions on the revised AHMP. As noted in the email below, revisions to the AHMP include updates to Section 1.1 to outline the approval of Modification 2 and updates to Section 3.2.2 outlining the update provided to the RAPs.

Kind regards,

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Stephanie Rusden

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Appendix 3 Figure 8: RAP feedback on revised AHMP (V3)

Re: FW: Quorn Park Solar Farm - Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan

 Robert Clegg 
To  Stephanie Rusden



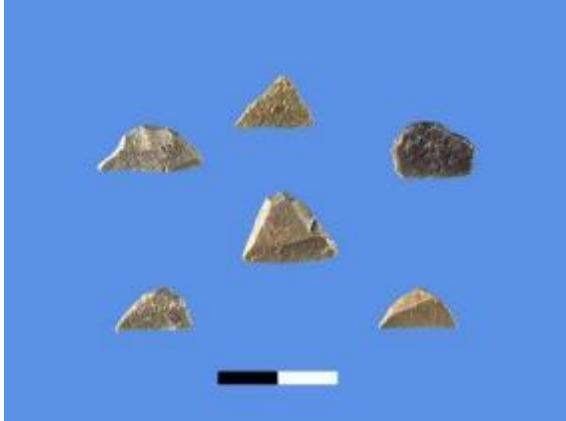


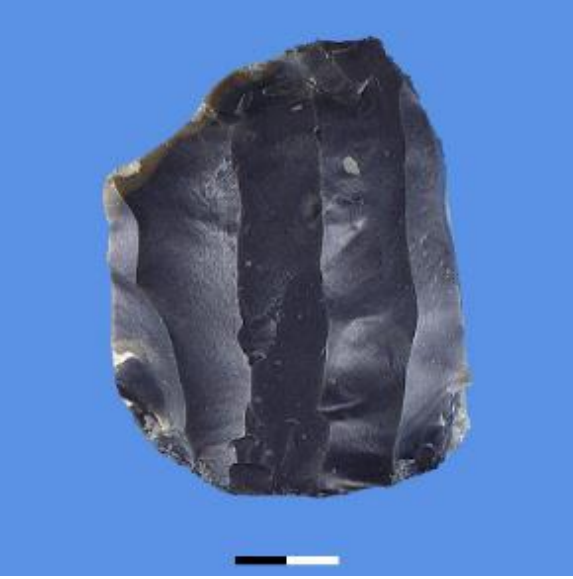
     

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 Follow up. Completed on Tuesday, 4 February 2025.
You replied to this message on 4/02/2025 3:41 PM.

Stephanie,
Sorry I thought that I had already responded, there are no comments from me as this is a good management plan.
Thanking you.
Rob 🤔

APPENDIX 4: ABORIGINAL ARTEFACT IDENTIFICATION

	
<p>Retouched blades (scale = 1cm)</p>	<p>Flakes</p>
	
<p>Microliths (scale = 1cm)</p>	<p>Scraper (scale = 1cm)</p>
	
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