

## **Aboriginal Remains Discovery Protocol**

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<u>AAR Advice</u>: Consider avoiding impacts to heritage wherever possible. Where impacts are unavoidable, they should be mitigated to the extent possible.

#### 1 - Discovery of suspected human skeletal remains

2 – Immediately stop all works within a 5 m radius of the visible extent of the discovery (**Discovery Zone**) and isolate all spoil/material associated with the discovery. Project works may continue in other areas.

### 3 - Report discovery to SA Police - call 131 444

(required under the *Coroners Act 2003* (SA)).

The immediate area will be under the control of SA Police until further notice.

#### 4 - SA Police investigation

SA Police and Forensic Science SA determine if the remains are human

#### 5.1 - Animal remains

If remains are not associated with Aboriginal heritage\*, area reverts to the authorised party's responsibility works may resume

#### 5.2 - Ancestral remains

No project works permitted within the Discovery Zone

# 5.3 – **Further SA Police investigation** Area continues under SA Police control

6.1 – Notify AAR of the discovery within two business days using AAR's Heritage Discovery Reporting Form (Form A)

6.2 – AAR will advise of the Aboriginal parties that must be contacted about the discovery (Aboriginal Parties). Within two days of receiving

(Aboriginal Parties). Within two days of receiving such advice, the Authorised Party must provide the Form A to the Aboriginal Parties and seek any recommendation(s) on the management of the discovery.

6.3 – Unless AAR advises that it is not required, engage a qualified heritage professional to provide recommendations, in consultation with the Aboriginal Parties where possible, on the management of the discovery.

#### 7.1 - AUTHORISED PARTY CAN AVOID DISCOVERY

Provide AAR and Aboriginal Parties with the methodology proposed to avoid the heritage via the 'Heritage Discovery Management Proposal' **(Form B)**.

#### 7.2 - AUTHORISED PARTY CANNOT AVOID DISCOVERY

Provide AAR and Aboriginal Parties with the methodology proposed for managing the heritage via **Form B**. Refer to AAR's Heritage Impact Procedure for guidance.

8 – No project works may occur in the Discovery Zone for a minimum of ten full business days following AAR's acknowledgement of receipt of Form B, unless AAR advises that works may recommence sooner.

AAR may require the Authorised Party to provide further information and/or to amend the **Form B**. Where AAR requires further information (and/or an Amended **Form B**), the ten full business day stop-work period will restart the day <u>after AAR</u> acknowledges receipt of the additional material requested, unless AAR advises otherwise.

9 – Following the conclusion of the ten full business day period (or any lesser period advised by AAR), works may proceed in accordance with Form B, and any conditions of authorisation.

10 – Where discovered heritage was avoided (step 7.1) or impacted (step 7.2), provide AAR with any reporting information required by any conditions of authorisation.

\*Animal remains, particularly those of native animals, found in association with Aboriginal objects (e.g. stone tools) and/or other cultural materials (e.g. charcoal, shell material, burnt stones) may indicate the presence of an Aboriginal site. If such a discovery is made, use the Aboriginal Sites and Objects Discovery Protocol.

Responsible party:

Authorised party

Minister/AAR

SA Police

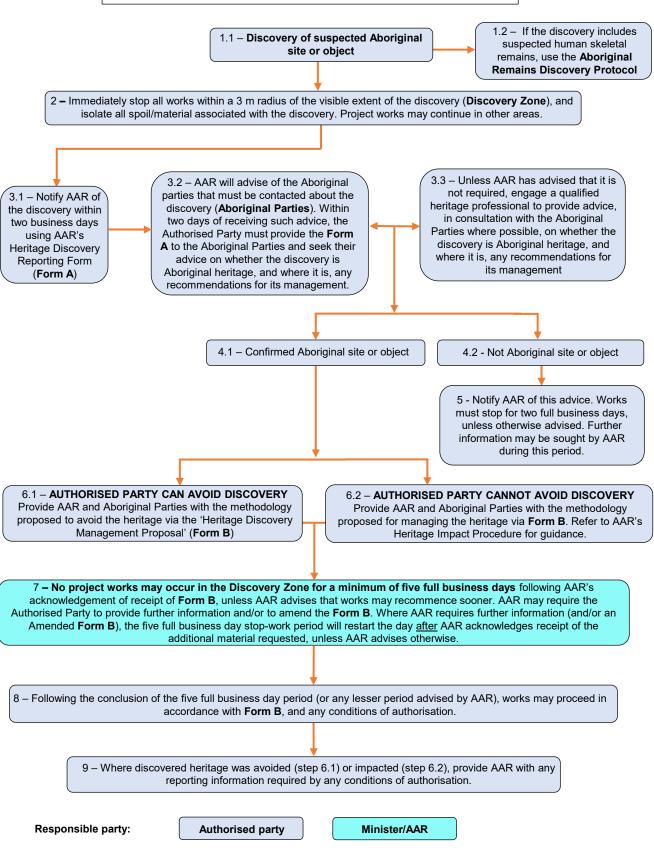
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