

Aboriginal Remains Discovery Protocol

Any reference to Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (AAR) is also a reference to the relevant Minister or their delegate.

AAR Advice: 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 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 after AAR 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

Aboriginal Sites and Objects Discovery Protocol

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

1.1 – Discovery of suspected Aboriginal site or object

1.2 – If the discovery includes suspected human skeletal remains, use the **Aboriginal Remains Discovery Protocol**

2 – Immediately stop all works within a 3 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.

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

3.2 – AAR will advise of the Aboriginal parties that must be contacted about the discovery (**Aboriginal Parties**). Within two days of receiving such advice, the Authorised Party must provide the **Form A** to the Aboriginal Parties and seek their advice on whether the discovery is Aboriginal heritage, and where it is, any recommendations for its management.

3.3 – Unless AAR has advised that it is not required, engage a qualified heritage professional to provide advice, in consultation with the Aboriginal Parties where possible, on whether the discovery is Aboriginal heritage, and where it is, any recommendations for its management

4.1 – Confirmed Aboriginal site or object

4.2 - Not Aboriginal site or object

5 - Notify AAR of this advice. Works must stop for two full business days, unless otherwise advised. Further information may be sought by AAR during this period.

6.1 – 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**)

6.2 – 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.

7 – No project works may occur in the Discovery Zone for a minimum of five 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 five full business day stop-work period will restart the day after AAR acknowledges receipt of the additional material requested, unless AAR advises otherwise.

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

9 – Where discovered heritage was avoided (step 6.1) or impacted (step 6.2), provide AAR with any reporting information required by any conditions of authorisation.

Responsible party:

Authorised party

Minister/AAR