

Consultation information pack: Koolunga Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

Applicant	GP Energy (KLG) Pty Ltd
Application	Sections 21, 23 and 29(1)(b) of the <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988</i> (SA)
Area	The application area covers: • approximately seven hectares of 873 Koolunga Road, Koolunga SA 5464 (construction of a BESS), • Reldep Road reserve (road upgrades, site access and drainage works), • Koolunga Road reserve and Power Station Road reserve (underground transmission cable), and • 120 Power Station Road, Brinkworth SA 5464 (connection into existing Brinkworth Substation).
Proposed activities	Ground disturbing works to support the use and development of the proposed Koolunga BESS , its connection to the existing Brinkworth Substation and associated works.

Aboriginal Community Consultation Meeting:

Thursday, 13 August 2026 at 10:00 am

Mawson Lakes Hotel and Function Centre

Figure 1 - Artistic render of a typical BESS



Acknowledgement:

The Attorney-General's Department acknowledges and respects Aboriginal peoples as the state's First Peoples and nations and recognises Aboriginal peoples as Traditional Owners and occupants of lands and waters in South Australia.

Cultural warning:

This Consultation Information Pack, and associated material, may contain discussion of Aboriginal heritage and traditions that may have sensitivities for some Aboriginal people.

Content disclaimer:

Information about the Koolunga Battery Energy Storage System and GP Energy's proposed heritage management measures in this document are based on information provided by GP Energy.

All images and maps were provided by the GP Energy unless otherwise indicated.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (Minister), who is responsible for the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (SA) (Act), has received an application for authorisations under sections 21, 23 and 29(1)(b) of the Act from GP Energy (KLG) Pty Ltd¹ (GP Energy hereafter) in relation to its proposed Koolunga Battery Energy Storage System (Koolunga BESS) (Project).

As part of the Project, GP Energy seeks to undertake ground disturbing works in order to construct a BESS with a capacity of up to 200MW/800MWh. The BESS will be built on approximately seven hectares of land, located 6 km southeast of Koolunga and 7 km north of Brinkworth, approximately 140 km north of Adelaide in South Australia's mid north. The BESS and other supporting works, such as underground transmission cables and road upgrades, would connect into the existing Brinkworth Substation. A map of the Application Area is at Attachment 1.

The Project will involve ground disturbing works within the Application Area to enable the construction of the BESS, installation of an underground 275kv transmission cable (approximately 1.7 km in length), road upgrades along Reldep Road, connection works to the existing Brinkworth Substation and associated ancillary works.

There are no current native title applications or determined claims over the application area.

Section 21 of the Act makes it an offence to excavate land to uncover Aboriginal sites, objects and/or remains (heritage) without the Minister's authorisation, while section 23 of the Act makes it an offence to damage, disturb or interfere with Aboriginal heritage without the Minister's authorisation. Section 29(1)(b) of the Act makes it an offence to remove an Aboriginal object from the state without the Minister's authorisation.

An Aboriginal archaeological site exists within the eastern end of the Application Area, where the BESS is proposed to be constructed. GP Energy proposes to record and collect all identified Aboriginal heritage, in consultation with representatives of the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (KYAC). Relocation and reburial of the collected artefacts is proposed to occur following the construction of the Project, in consultation with representatives of KYAC. Other Aboriginal heritage may also exist within the Application Area, which GP Energy would manage in consultation with KYAC if it cannot be avoided

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during Project works. Authorisation under section 29(1)(b) of the Act is also being sought to enable GP Energy to send objects interstate for dating, scientific testing or analysis if required or requested.

It is for the above reasons that authorisations have been sought under sections 21, 23 and 29(1)(b) of the Act.

A cultural heritage management plan (CHMP) is currently being developed, which would detail how Aboriginal heritage will be managed for the duration of the Project.

Prior to considering whether to grant an authorisation, section 13 of the Act requires the Minister to understand and consider the views of a range of interested Aboriginal parties. Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (AAR) conducts this consultation on the Minister's behalf, seeking the views of Traditional Owners, the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee (Committee) and other Aboriginal parties that the Minister considers may have an interest in the matter.

Your views will inform the Minister's decision whether to grant the authorisations sought by GP Energy and, if so, under what conditions.

To assist the Minister to decide the application, please review this Consultation Information Pack (CIP) and consider the following questions:

- **What are your views on this request for authorisations?**
- **If the authorisations were granted, would you seek that the authorisations be conditioned in any way? (please provide example conditions)**
- **What are your views on the Project proceeding as proposed, including:**
 - **the impacts to Aboriginal heritage that are proposed?**
 - **the proposed protection and management of Aboriginal heritage?**
- **Do you have any other views you wish to share with the Minister before the application is decided?**

An Aboriginal consultation meeting will be facilitated by AAR on **Thursday 13 August 2026 from 10:00 am at Mawson Lakes Hotel & Function Centre, at 10 Main Street, Mawson Lakes SA 5095.**

The meeting will provide an opportunity for interested Aboriginal people and groups to find out more, and to make submissions on the application. GP Energy representatives will attend the consultation meeting to answer questions from the community about the Project.

For further details about how to make a submission on the application, see page 21 and 22 of this document.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Applicant

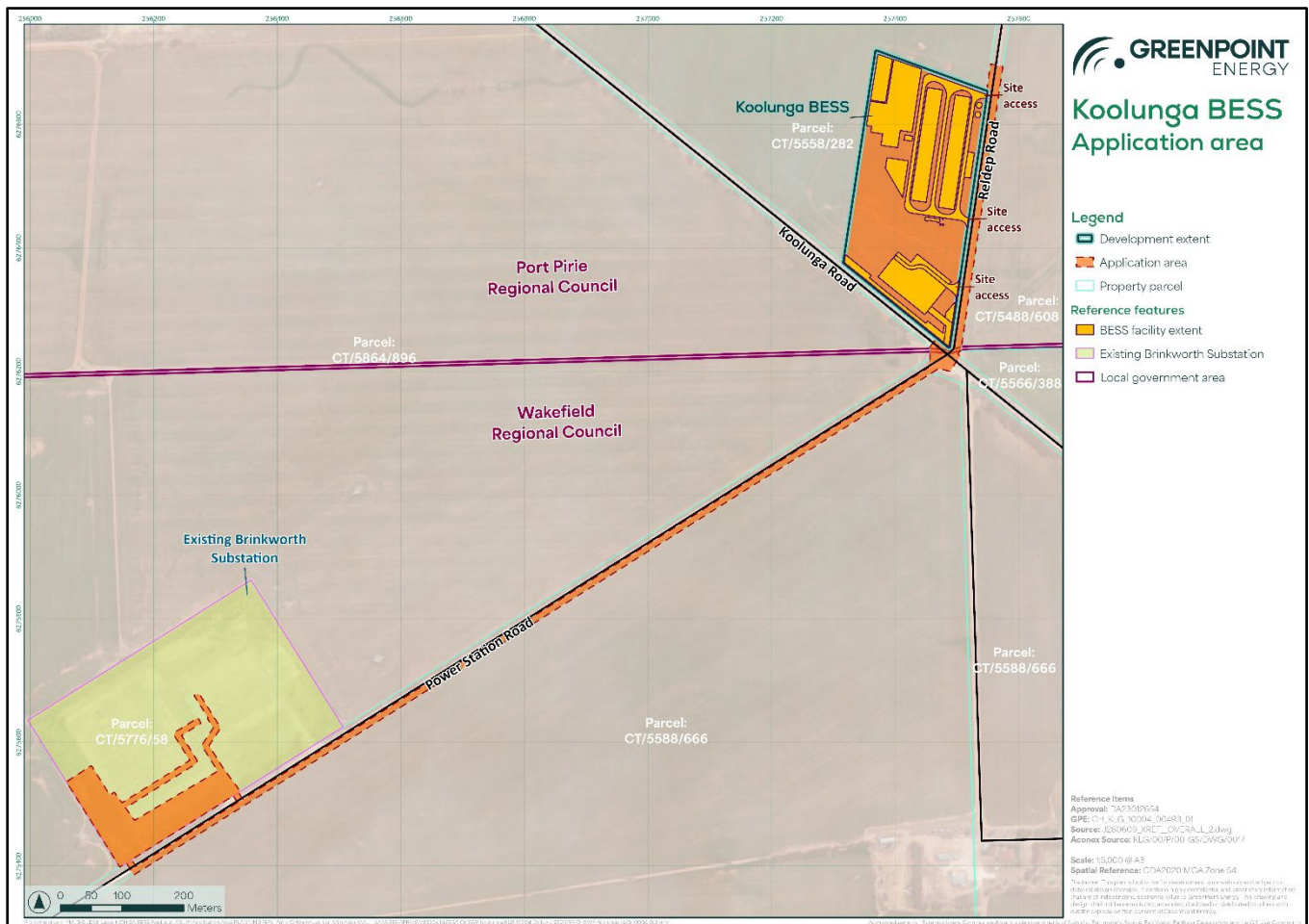
GP Energy is a part of GreenPoint Energy, a major Australian renewable energy developer. GreenPoint Energy is sponsored by Equis, an infrastructure investor based in the Asia-Pacific region, with its major shareholders being Abu Dhabi Investment Authority and Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board. GreenPoint Energy advises that it manages a 2.5GW portfolio of twelve wind and BESS assets across the Australian National Electricity Market (NEM).

Application Area

The Application Area for the Project covers the entire development disturbance footprint of the Project (see Figure 2, Attachment 1 and Attachment 2). The Project includes:

- the Koolunga BESS development area, located at the eastern end of the Application Area, where Aboriginal heritage have been identified
- road upgrades, site entrances and draining works along Reldep Road
- underground 275kv transmission cable easement along Koolunga Road and the Power Station Road and road reserves, and connection works into the existing Brinkworth Substation.

Figure 2 - Application Area and indicative Project layout



The Application Area is situated within both the Port Pirie Regional Council (PPRC) and Wakefield Regional Council (WRC). The Koolunga BESS and Reldep Road are located on the boundary of the PPRC. The transmission cable corridor along Power Station Road and Brinkworth Substation fall within the WRC.

In total, the Application Area covers approximately 11.85ha. GP Energy advises the breakdown of the Application Area is as follows:

Project element	Hectares (Ha)
Koolunga BESS (entire lease area)	7.05
Brinkworth Substation (a portion thereof)	2.09
Power Station Road (southern roadside only)	1.61
Koolunga Road	0.10
Reldep Road (road reserve on both sides)	0.99
Total	11.85

As indicated above, the Project comprises three main components:

1. The Koolunga BESS

The Koolunga BESS will be located approximately 6 km southeast of the town of Koolunga, 7 km north of Brinkworth, and around 140 km north of Adelaide.

The Koolunga BESS will occupy approximately 7 ha of land in the south-eastern corner of 873 Koolunga Road, Koolunga, SA 5464 (see Figure 3 and Figure 4). The land is predominantly used for agricultural purposes. The proposed BESS location will have an approximate frontage of 214 m to Koolunga Road and 414 m to Reldep Road.

Road upgrade work, drainage and site access works will occur along Reldep Road.

Figure 3 - The proposed Koolunga BESS location viewed facing north west from the intersection of Koolunga Road, Reldep Road and Power Station Road.



Figure 4 – A plan showing the proposed Koolunga BESS facility



2. The existing Brinkworth Substation

The Brinkworth Substation is located at 120 Power Station Road, Brinkworth, SA, 5464 and is operated by ElectraNet. GP Energy seeks authorisation over a portion of the Brinkworth Substation (see Figure 2 and Attachment 1).

Figure 5 - View along Power Station Road into the existing Brinkworth Substation



3. An underground high-voltage transmission cable corridor

The Koolunga BESS will connect to the existing Brinkworth Substation via approximately 1.7 km of underground high-voltage transmission cable running under Koolunga and Power Station Roads before connecting into an electrical bay. Koolunga Road is a sealed local road while Power Station Road is an unsealed local road.

In addition to the underground cable, ElectraNet will carry out works inside the existing Brinkworth Substation to connect the Koolunga BESS to the transmission network. These works include installing a new high-voltage circuit breaker and associated electrical equipment to safely connect the new cable, modifications to existing electrical measurement equipment within the substation, installation of protection and control panels inside the control building, and civil works at the substation end of the cable where it enters the substation boundary. All works are contained within the existing substation footprint and do not require any expansion beyond the current fence line.

Figure 6 - View along Power Station Road where the underground transmission cable will be located on the right-hand side of the image. The Brinkworth Substation is located on the left-hand side of the image



Project Information

GP Energy proposes to construct, operate and maintain a BESS within the Application Area with a power capacity of up to 200MW and energy charge and discharge capacity up to 800MWh. The BESS will be connected to South Australia's electricity grid and the National Electricity Market (NEM) via approximately 1.7 km of underground high-voltage (HV) transmission cable linking to the existing 275 kV Brinkworth Substation.

GP Energy advises that the Brinkworth Substation is a critical 275 kV 'transmission node' in South Australia's electricity network that supports the secure and stable transfer of bulk power across the state. According to GP Energy, the proposed Koolunga BESS would "play a pivotal role in maintaining grid reliability and voltage stability across South Australia, while enabling the efficient integration of large-scale renewable energy into the NEM". To this end, the BESS would store surplus electricity during periods of low demand and high renewable generation and release it during periods of peak demand or low renewable output. Beyond energy storage, GP Energy advises that BESS would "*support the stability and security of the South Australian electricity network as it transitions to a net-zero emissions grid*".

GP Energy advises the total Project value is \$533.1 million.

GP Energy has appointed GenusPlus Group Limited (Genus) as the contractor for the Project under a \$110 million engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning contract awarded in April 2026. GP Energy advises that Genus was preferred due to its commitment to providing long term sustainable employment, training, education and business outcomes for local community and business.

The Project would include the following key elements:

- Bulk civil earthworks associated with land clearing and topsoil stripping
- Native vegetation clearing (within areas approved under the *Native Vegetation Regulation 2017*)
- The installation and commissioning of 220 Tesla Megapack units within the BESS facility. A Tesla Megapack acts as a large-scale rechargeable battery designed to store and discharge electricity. Each Megapack is a self-contained unit that includes battery cells, cooling system, battery management system, power electronics, and fire detection and protection equipment, all housed within a secure steel enclosure. The Tesla Megapack contains lithium iron phosphate chemistry within the battery cells (see Figure 7 below).
- The installation of the Megapack enclosed units involves the transportation of the units to the Project area, where they are then craned (lifted) into position, sitting on top of raised foundation pads. Underground electrical infrastructure connects the Megapacks to each other and to the high voltage substation. Before the facility is energised, the infrastructure is inspected and tested. Once commissioning is complete, the facility is then able to charge and discharge electricity into the grid.
- Trenching works associated with underground transmission cable (run for approximately 1.7 km) before connecting the BESS to the existing 275 kV Brinkworth Substation. GP Energy advises that cable trenching works would involve the excavation of trenches ranging from 700mm to 1.8m wide and to a depth of approximately 1.5 m along Koolunga and Power Station Road reserve.
- Trenching and electrical connection works within the Brinkworth Substation
- Establishment of facility compound area, housing temporary and permanent facilities, including warehouse and switch room control buildings, laydown areas and parking provisions within the proposed BESS facility
- Concrete footings and structural foundations for auxiliary structures
- Road upgrade, widening and drainage works, establishment of three (3) facility entrances along a section of Reldep Road, internal access tracks and erosion and sediment control measures
- Electrical infrastructure, including auxiliary structures, substation compound and high-voltage transformer
- Retention basin and water tanks in the event of an emergency
- Landscaping, rehabilitation and re-vegetation works
- Perimeter security fencing
- Maintenance and operational works (as required for the life of the Project)
- Rehabilitation and reinstatement of disturbed areas post-construction.

GP Energy advises that ground disturbing works within the BESS development area will generally be between 200mm to 400mm in depth from existing ground levels but may, in some areas such as within the retention basin, be as deep as 2 m.

Figure 7 - photo of Tesla Megapacks installed on raised foundation pads



The target Project works commencement date is November 2026 to facilitate a commissioning date set for September 2027, with practical completion targeted for November 2027.

The proposed BESS is anticipated to have a 25-year operational lifetime. GP Energy advises that at the end of the Project's life cycle, the BESS will be decommissioned and the land will be returned to its current state (for agricultural use). This will involve the removal of all batteries, inverters, electrical plant and above-ground site infrastructure. The materials will be recycled or repurposed. The same will apply to other recyclable elements. Any site rehabilitation during decommissioning will take place in accordance with relevant environmental guidelines and legislation.

Scope of authorisations sought

GP Energy is seeking that the authorisations, if granted, extend to:

- itself;
- any related entities and any related bodies corporate as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) of the Applicant;
- any person or entity to whom the whole or part of an interest in all or any part of the Applicant is transferred or assigned (Permitted Assign);
- any person or entity who acquires an interest in the Project;
- any person or entity to whom the whole or part of an interest in any agreement dealing with heritage matters relating to the Project, and to which an Aboriginal organisation/Traditional Owners is/are a party, is assigned;
- any director, employee and agent of the Applicant or a Permitted Assign from time to time, and any contractor and subcontractor engaged by or through the Applicant or a Permitted Assign, and the employees of those contractors and subcontractors.

GP Energy is seeking that any authorisations extend to all future works required for the development, maintenance or use of services, facilities or infrastructure associated with the Project for 25 years.

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

An Aboriginal site was identified within the Application Area in May 2026. This site is yet to be accessioned onto AAR's central archives.

It is possible that additional Aboriginal heritage exists within the Application Area. Historically, the land within the Application Area has been extensively cleared and ploughed for agricultural activities. It is therefore possible that any additional Aboriginal heritage that may exist within the Application Area has been previously disturbed and pushed under the ground surface, or may be obscured by vegetation.

Aboriginal heritage surveys and assessments

Australian Cultural Heritage Management 2026 *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Survey Report, Koolunga Battery Energy Storage System, SA.* Unpublished report for Equis Energy (Australia) Pty Ltd.

On 11 and 12 May 2026, Australian Cultural Heritage Management (ACHM) archaeologists, in conjunction with two cultural heritage representatives nominated by KYAC, undertook a pedestrian survey of the 7 Ha proposed BESS facility and the 1.7 km high voltage cable corridor along Power Station Road. The 2026 ACHM survey did not cover the following portions of the Application Area:

- **the portion of Reldep Road reserve that will be subject to Project works:** this area was subsequently subject to a pedestrian survey conducted by Genus' Heritage Advisor, heritage consultancy firm Stenhouse Heritage, in conjunction with two cultural heritage representatives nominated by KYAC. No Aboriginal heritage was identified during this survey.
- **the portion of the Brinkworth substation that will be subject to Project works:** GP Energy advises that this area is already developed and was not subject to a heritage survey. KYAC monitors will oversee all ground disturbing Project works in this area.

During the two-day survey:

- seventy-eight (78) artefacts were identified as a result of a pedestrian survey of the BESS facility footprint. Figure 8 below shows the indicative location of Aboriginal heritage found. It was noted that artefacts were identified in all areas, including adjacent to fence lines where there was less disturbance, around the perimeter of the survey area and in central areas where prolonged agricultural disturbance had occurred. This newly identified Aboriginal site was designated by ACHM as

'KYAC_Equis_2026_Koolunga_001'. It has since been added to AAR's records as 'ID 1452'.

- The reported assemblage comprised 48 quartz, quartzite, silcrete and chert flakes, 13 worked glass flakes, seven cores, nine broken hammerstone fragments and one grindstone fragment. ACHM reports that the presence of worked glass indicates that Aboriginal people continued utilising this area after European contact and settlement.
- A pedestrian survey from the boundary of the existing Brinkworth Substation along the proposed transmission line corridor (along the eastern side of Power Station Road) did not identify any surficial cultural heritage. However, ground visibility was reported as poor with only 10 percent visibility due to dense clusters of grass, introduced weeds, low-lying shrubs, and juvenile pink gums (*Eucalyptus fasciculosa*).

Based on the results of the pedestrian survey, ACHM recommended that:

- authorisations be sought under the Act to ensure the Project proceeds in compliance with the Act.
- a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) for the Project be completed by a suitably qualified archaeologist
- KYAC cultural heritage monitors be engaged for the duration of the proposed ground disturbance works, and in any other areas not covered by ACHM's assessment
- cultural heritage inductions should be delivered by KYAC for all contractors and GP Energy employees engaged to work on the Project.

Figure 8 - indicative location of Aboriginal heritage found within the Koolunga BESS



EBS Heritage 2022 *Brinkworth Battery Energy Storage System – Cultural Heritage Desktop Assessment Report.* Unpublished report for Equis Development Pty Ltd.

In 2022, Equis engaged EBS Heritage to undertake a desktop heritage assessment of the proposed BESS project area. The assessment included:

- a search of the AAR's central archives over the Project footprint and an area immediately surrounding it
- a review of publicly available archaeological reports and regional surveys relevant to the Mid North region
- an assessment of landscape sensitivity based on landform, drainage, vegetation and prior disturbance history
- a review of geotechnical and topographical investigation results.

Based on the results of its desktop research, EBS reported that:

- no Aboriginal sites were known to exist within the Project footprint.
- it considered that the risk of disturbance to known or unknown Aboriginal cultural heritage was low, owing to the previous use of the land for cropping and grazing.

EBS made the following recommendations to Equis:

- use appropriate risk management controls during ground disturbing works, namely using caution when undertaking 'sub-surface disturbances'
- implement a Site Discovery Procedure that staff and contractors must follow, to mitigate the risk of damage or disturbance to any unexpected Aboriginal heritage discoveries.

Aboriginal heritage near the Application Area

AAR's central archives do not contain any Aboriginal sites (other than ID 1452) within 10 km of the Application Area. The closest site to the Application Area recorded in AAR's central archives is site 6530-4084, also known as 'Broughton River Artefact Site' which is located over 12 km north of Koolunga.

Broughton River Artefact site 6530-4084

The site is located on both north and south banks of the Broughton River. It is recorded as a stone artefact scatter with 5-6 quartz, quartzite and silcrete flakes and a chert core. The site was discovered in 1995 during installation of aerial power lines and optical cables by OPTUS.

PROPOSED MANAGEMENT OF ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

GP Energy acknowledges that its Project will impact Aboriginal heritage. In addition, GP Energy is aware that any excavation of land during construction has the potential to identify and/or uncover additional Aboriginal heritage. While GP Energy states that it does not wish to damage, disturb, or interfere with Aboriginal heritage, it acknowledges that some impacts are unavoidable during the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project.

GP Energy has engaged ACHM to develop a CHMP for the Project in consultation with KYAC. The CHMP will be updated and finalised following a decision by the Minister on GP Energy's application for authorisation under the Act.

ACHM is the Heritage Advisor to GP Energy for the Project. As stated above, GP Energy's contractor, Genus, has engaged Stenhouse Heritage as its Heritage Advisor working on the Project during the construction phase. Accordingly, Stenhouse Heritage will be responsible for implementing and complying with the requirements of the CHMP and the conditions of any authorisations granted under the Act.

Cultural Heritage Management Plan

Broadly, the CHMP will include provisions for:

- managing Aboriginal heritage that may be encountered during Project works in compliance with AAR's Aboriginal Heritage Discovery Protocols
- how and when heritage monitors would be engaged during ground-disturbing works, noting at least two KYAC cultural heritage observer/representatives will monitor all ground excavation works, including vegetation stripping
- developing methods for reporting, recording, collecting, relocating and otherwise managing heritage where it cannot be avoided, including the reburial of collected artefacts post-construction
- personnel partaking in or supervising ground disturbing works to complete a cultural heritage induction session, which includes cultural awareness, legislative awareness and artefact identification, and outlines site-specific cultural heritage management procedures.

Project-specific heritage management measures

GP Energy proposes to implement the following Project specific heritage management measures if authorised under the Act, and subject to any conditions that may be imposed on the authorisations (if granted).

Management of ID 1452

Prior to the collection of the objects, GP Energy will ensure that all heritage objects are marked by pin flag in consultation with Kaurna heritage monitors.

All Aboriginal objects will be photographed, a GPS reading will be taken, and the physical attributes of the object recorded. The objects will then be collected, placed into bags with appropriate labels and catalogued. An inventory of all collected Aboriginal objects will also be created.

Objects collected in this way will be securely stored within the Application Area (unless directed to be stored elsewhere by KYAC).

Management of new heritage discoveries

GP Energy advises that any newly discovered Aboriginal objects will result in Project work stopping, while verification of the discovery is carried out by KYAC heritage monitors and Stenhouse Heritage. The same approach undertaken for ID 1452 will be taken to manage newly discovered heritage.

Heritage monitoring

GP Energy advises that heritage monitors, nominated by KYAC, will be engaged throughout the Project's construction phase. This will include:

- a minimum of two cultural heritage representatives during construction
- where Aboriginal sites or objects are identified, KYAC representatives will be engaged to observe and participate in the recording and collection of these discoveries
- active cultural heritage monitoring of archaeological excavations in consultation with a suitably experienced and qualified archaeologist in areas where sub-surface deposits are encountered during works

Management of all collected artefacts

- the Heritage Advisor will fully document, package, and securely store all recovered Aboriginal cultural heritage until it is relocated or reburied
- this will include a detailed artefact catalogue listing all artefact attributes and associated photographs, including photograph scales
- any salvaged or unanticipated Aboriginal cultural heritage will be individually labelled with provenance, type, material and date.
- all heritage objects will be stored within the Application Area (unless other instructions are provided by KYAC).
- within 6 months of the completion of the Project, the Heritage Advisor must contact KYAC to arrange for the storage or reburial of all heritage recovered within the Application Area according to KYAC's direction. Aboriginal heritage will be stored or reburied in the Koolunga BESS facility.

The CHMP proposed that the Heritage Advisor will ensure that all Aboriginal objects recovered from the Application Area are managed in the following way:

- the reburial of the Aboriginal cultural heritage must be negotiated and agreed upon in writing between KYAC Cultural Heritage Manager and GP Energy.
- the burial location must be protected from future development or disturbance.
- the reburial of the Aboriginal cultural heritage must be conducted by KYAC representative/s.
- a Heritage Advisor must also attend the reburial and record the burial location with a Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS).

Aboriginal heritage induction training

Before starting any ground disturbing activities, personnel partaking in or supervising ground disturbing works will complete a cultural heritage induction session, which includes cultural awareness, legislative awareness and artefact identification, and outlines site-specific cultural heritage management procedures. This will occur before work begins and will be led by KYAC representatives. GP Energy says that if any staff cannot attend, they must receive, understand, and sign off induction materials as part of the broader site induction.

Any new Aboriginal heritage found during Project works will trigger AAR's Site Discovery Protocols and conditions of an authorisations (as relevant).

Stratigraphic excavations

GP Energy advises where subsurface archaeological deposits are found, the following excavation methodology will be followed:

- any archaeological excavations would be conducted based on stratigraphic layers or arbitrary levels (spits) of no more than 10 cm in depth using a small mechanical excavator.
- the material should be documented using scale photographs showing, at minimum, each layer that is removed via the mechanical excavator.
- this soil is then taken to a quarantined “no-go” area for further sieving for closer examination, so that Project works can progress in parallel with the archaeological excavation
- all soil materials excavated during this process must be passed through a mesh screen no greater than 10mm to ensure small cultural items, beads, or fragments are caught and preserved.

Aboriginal remains

In the event of discovery of suspected Aboriginal remains, GP Energy will stop work immediately and adhere to AAR’s Aboriginal Remains Discovery Protocol.

ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT

GP Energy says that it is collaborating with the KYAC Board to ensure that Aboriginal heritage is managed and protected appropriately, respectfully and in accordance with best practice, throughout the life of the Project.

GP Energy advises that the role of KYAC Board and its representatives will be to agree on a CHMP that will:

- raise awareness of cultural heritage through inductions prepared and presented by KYAC about Kurna traditional law and custom; and
- ensure the appropriate identification, protection and management of Aboriginal heritage during the Project.

GP Energy advises that depending on the conditions placed on the authorisation, the following roles could be offered to KYAC representatives:

- a minimum of two cultural heritage representatives will be engaged to monitor excavation works below the plough zone or until compact clay or bedrock is reached
- participate in the flagging, recording and salvage of unavoidable recorded objects
- participate in active cultural heritage monitoring of archaeological excavations in consultation with a suitably experienced and qualified archaeologist in areas where artefacts or sites with sub-surface deposits are encountered during works
- participate in the reburial (or other) of Aboriginal heritage that cannot be avoided by Project works
- participate in Site Discovery Procedures if Aboriginal heritage is discovered.

Broad engagement on the Project and its employment and training opportunities has also occurred with other Aboriginal organisations, including Nukunu Wapma Thura Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC, Ngadjuri Nation Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and Narungga Nation Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC.

CONSULTATION

Before considering whether to grant any authorisation under the Act, section 13 of the Act requires the Minister to take all reasonable steps to consult with the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee², Traditional Owners, and any other Aboriginal parties that he considers may have an interest in the matter.

Aboriginal Community Consultation Meeting

An Aboriginal Community consultation meeting will be held any interested Aboriginal parties from **10:00am on Thursday, 13 August 2026 at Mawson Lakes Hotel and Function Centre, 10 Main Street, Mawson Lakes SA.**

Please RSVP for catering purposes

To RSVP to attend the Aboriginal Community consultation meeting, please call (08) 7424 6355 or email aar.heritagesubmissions@sa.gov.au.

Invitation for submissions from interested Aboriginal parties

Verbal and written submissions are now invited from all interested Aboriginal parties about the Project. Consultees may make a submission to AAR in person, or by phone, letter or email. Anyone in receipt of this consultation information pack is encouraged to share it with other Aboriginal parties who may have an interest in the Project.

This document is available online at [Current applications under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 | Attorney-General's Department](#).

CONSULTATION CLOSING ON FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2026.

The Committee will consider all submissions received by the due date.

Aboriginal people with an interest in this matter are encouraged to contact AAR to learn more about the Project and to lodge a submission. All consultation feedback, submissions and/or requests for further information should be addressed to:

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² The State Aboriginal Heritage Committee is established under Section 7 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (SA) to provide advice to the Minister on a range of cultural heritage issues managed under the Act. This includes providing advice on applications for authorisation to impact cultural heritage. The Committee is comprised of 11 elected members representing different regions of South Australia. Membership is restricted to Aboriginal people only.

When making a submission, consultees should consider and respond to at least the following questions:

- **What are your views on this request for authorisations?**
- **If the authorisations were granted, would you seek that the authorisations be conditioned in any way? (if yes, please provide example conditions)**
- **What are your views on the Project proceeding as proposed, including:**
 - **the impacts to Aboriginal heritage that are proposed?**
 - **the proposed protection and management of Aboriginal heritage?**
- **Do you have any other views you wish to share with the Minister before the application is decided?**

Consultees may request AAR to keep any cultural information in their submission confidential. Where possible AAR will accommodate that request; however, procedural fairness considerations may require that GP Energy be provided with a right of response to information that is relevant (or at least so much of the information as is relevant).

Otherwise, all submissions will be forwarded to GP Energy in full for comment. Consultee submissions and GP Energy's comments about them will then be forwarded to the Committee, and the Committee's advice will then be sought.

AAR will collate all submissions, GP Energy's responses to them, the Committee's advice, and its own recommendations to the Minister to assist them to make a final decision about the application.

AAR is available to answer questions or provide further information about the application at any time prior to consultation closing on **Friday 28 August 2026**.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this document. If you are an interested Aboriginal party, AAR encourages you to make a submission about this application. AAR is available to assist you if you have difficulty recording a submission.

Attachments:

1. Map of Application Area
2. Map showing Project details within the proposed BESS facility
3. Map of known Aboriginal heritage within the Application Area
4. Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Site Discovery Protocols

Koolunga BESS

Application area

Legend

-  Development extent
-  Application area
-  Property parcel

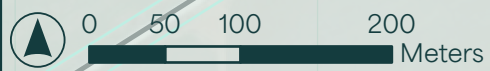
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-  BESS facility extent
-  Existing Brinkworth Substation
-  Local government area

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Koolunga BESS

BESS facility area

Legend

 Application area

Reference features

 BESS facility extent

 Property parcel

Reference items
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Koolunga BESS

Cultural heritage assessment results

Legend

-  Application area
- Cultural heritage**
 -  Artefact
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 -  Site extent buffer
- Reference features**
 -  BESS facility extent
 -  Property parcel

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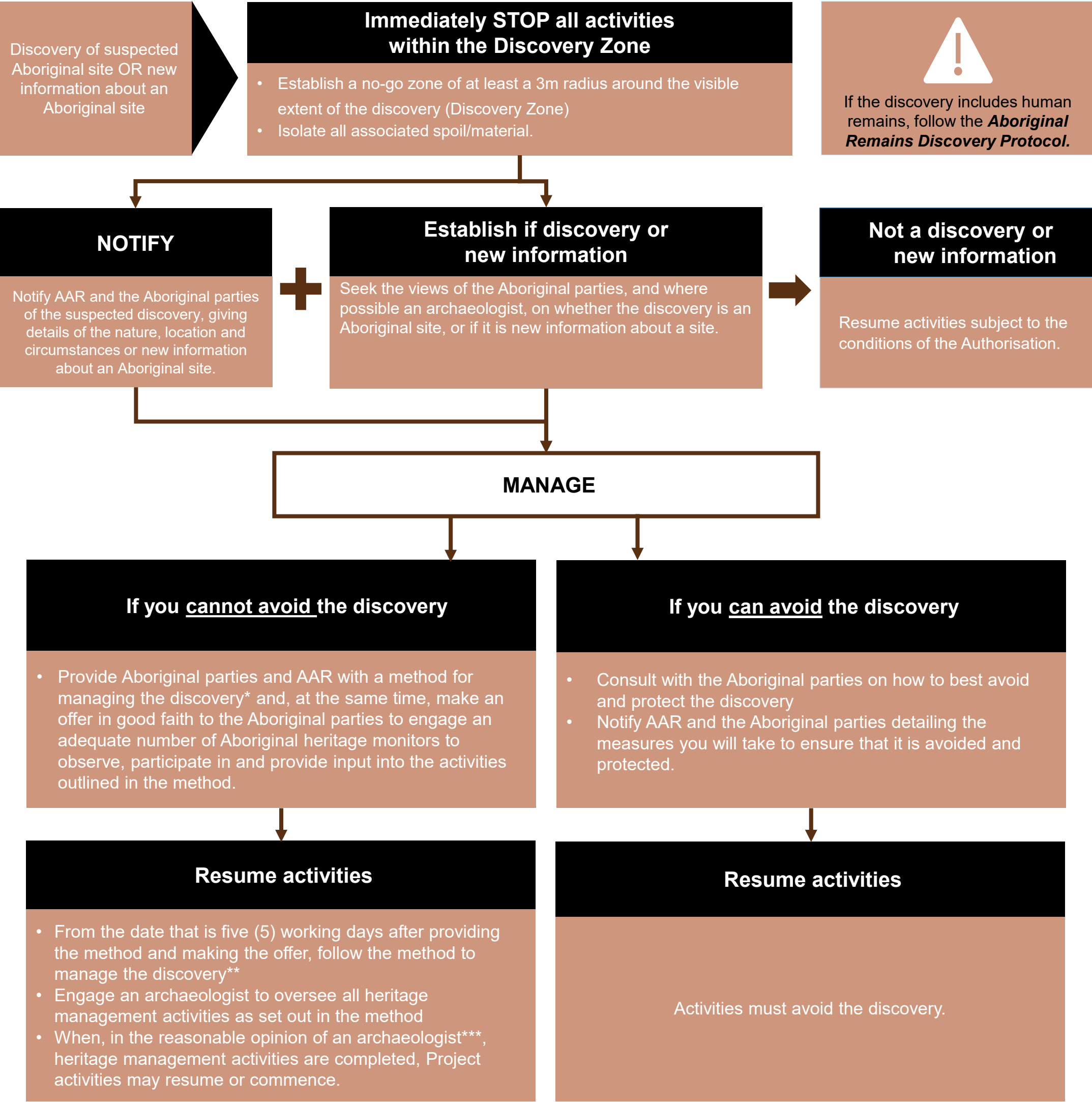
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Aboriginal Sites Discovery Protocol

Pursuant to sections 20A(1), 21(2) and 23(3) of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA)

- The purpose of this document is to provide a ‘stop – notify – manage’ process.
- Where impacts to Aboriginal sites are unavoidable, they should be mitigated to the extent possible.
- For discoveries of Aboriginal objects that do not form part of an Aboriginal site, refer to the Authorisation.
- Aboriginal parties are Traditional Owners and/or Aboriginal organisations specified by AAR for the purposes of the Authorisation.
- Defined terms in the Act and the Authorisation have the same meaning in this protocol.
- If there is any disagreement about the application or interpretation of this protocol, or any part of it, AAR will definitively decide the matter.



*This method should be prepared by an archaeologist in consultation with the Aboriginal parties. The method must comply with this protocol, the Authorisation and the Act. Guidance may be sought from AAR. AAR may provide feedback on any proposed method, which must be considered by the Authorised Parties.

**AAR may advise in writing that activities may commence earlier.

***Where there is a dispute about whether heritage management activities are completed, AAR will definitively decide the matter.

Aboriginal Remains Discovery Protocol

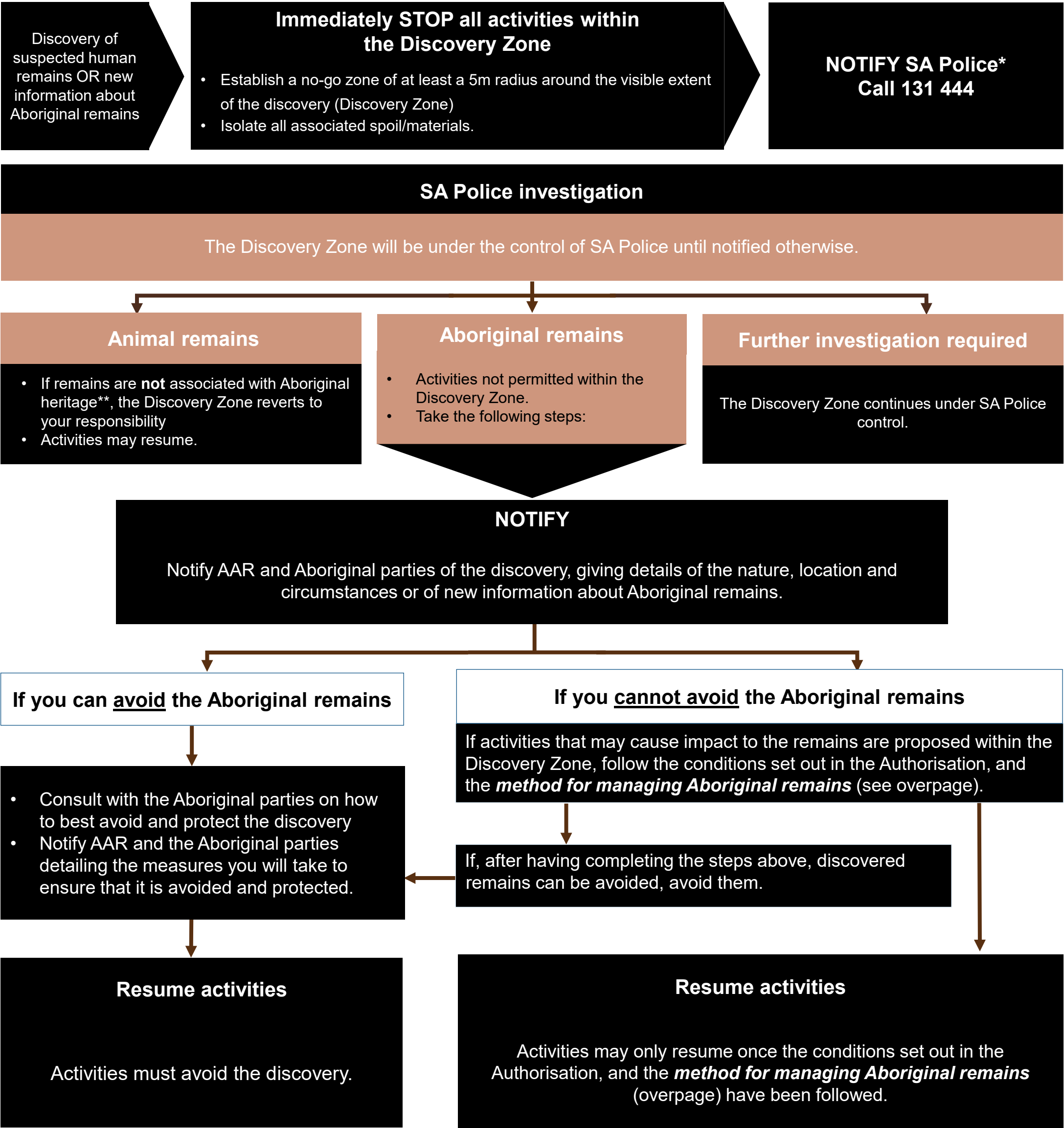
Pursuant to sections 20A(1), 21(2) and 23(3) of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA)

- The purpose of this document is to provide a ‘stop – notify – manage’ process.
- In all cases where human remains are discovered, this must be immediately reported to SA Police. Do not interfere with the remains.
- Human remains must be always treated with dignity and respect.
- Where impacts to remains are unavoidable, this should be mitigated to the extent possible.
- Aboriginal parties are Traditional Owners and/or Aboriginal organisations specified by AAR for the purposes of the Authorisation.
- Defined terms in the Act and the Authorisation have the same meaning in this protocol.
- If there is any disagreement about the application or interpretation of this protocol including the method overpage or any part of them, AAR will definitively decide the matter.

Responsible parties

You - Authorised party

SA Police



*If it is new information about previously-reported Aboriginal remains, notification to SA Police is not required
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 Discovery Protocol.



Method for managing Aboriginal remains

Where discovered Aboriginal remains cannot be avoided, or where some impacts to remains will likely occur, an Authorised Party must:

1. Consult with the Aboriginal parties about the proposed management of the remains that may be impacted.
2. Advise AAR and the Aboriginal parties in writing:
 - that you have assessed that avoiding the remains is not reasonably possible
 - of the justification for your decision
 - of the outcomes of your consultation with the Aboriginal parties in deciding how the remains will be managed.
3. Provide Aboriginal parties and AAR with a method for managing the discovery and make an offer in good faith to the Aboriginal parties to engage an adequate number of heritage monitors to observe, participate in and provide input into the heritage management activities outlined in the method. The method should be prepared by an archaeologist in consultation with the Aboriginal parties. The method must comply with this protocol, the Authorisation and the Act and must include the following:
 - careful excavation and removal of soil in layers of no more than approximately 10 cm deep using hand trowel, shovel or small excavator within the Discovery Zone. This excavation must occur until – in the view of an archaeologist – culturally sterile layers or bedrock is reached.
 - provision for an archaeologist to be engaged to oversee all heritage management activities.
4. From the date that is not less than five (5) working days from the date of the provision of the method and making of the offer outlined in Step 3, follow the method to manage the discovery. AAR may advise in writing that heritage management activities may commence earlier.
5. When, in the reasonable opinion of an archaeologist, heritage management activities set out in the method are completed, Project activities may resume or commence.

Note:

- Guidance may be sought from AAR in preparing any proposed method. AAR may provide feedback on any proposed method, which must be considered by the Authorised Parties.
- In the event of a dispute between the parties in relation to whether the heritage management activities are completed AAR will conclusively decide the matter.