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# **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

The Applicant Lightsource BP

ACHAR Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report

ACHCRP Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents

AS Artefact Scatter

BAL Basic Left Turn

BAR Basic Right Turn

BCD Biodiversity and Conversation Division within the Department of Planning,

Industry and Environment (formally OEH and as of the 1st July 2020

Heritage NSW)

CEMP Construction Environmental Management Plan

CHMP Cultural Heritage Management Plan

CoC Conditions of Consent

Code of Practice Code of Practice for Archaeological investigation of Aboriginal Objects in

**NSW** 

DPE (NSW) Department of Planning and Environment

EIS Environmental Impact Statement

EMS Environmental Management System

EPA Environment Protection Authority (Previously DECCW and/or OEH)

EWMS Environmental Work Methods Statement

Heritage NSW From 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2020, Heritage NSW will have the responsibility for the

management of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage regulation functions under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974. This will consequently affect any reference to the Biodiversity Conservation Division (BCD) team within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) referred to in in this report. Therefore, from the 1 July 2020 any reference in this report to BCD will instead be referring to Heritage NSW to account for this

departmental change.

HSEQ Health Safety and Environment and Quality

HSP Heritage Salvage Plan

HTH Hearth

IF Isolated Find

kV kilovolt



LALC Local Aboriginal Land Council

LEP Local Environmental Plan

LGA Local Government Area

LP Landscape Plan

m Meters

Mw Megawatt

NHA Narrawa Homestead Advice

NPW Act National Parks and Wildlife Act

NSW New South Wales

OAM Operation and Maintenance Facility

OEH Office of Environment and Heritage

PAD Potential Archaeological Deposit

PV Photovoltaic

RAPs Registered Aboriginal Parties

RMM Response to Submissions, Revised Mitigation Measures

SEO Site Environmental Officer

SHI State Heritage Inventory

ST Scarred Tree

The Proponent LightsourceBP

The Project Wellington Solar Farm, includes both the Solar Farm and an Energy Storage

Facility



# 1 INTRODUCTION

Planning approval was received on 25 May 2018 for the construction and operation of a 174 megawatt (Mw) photovoltaic (pv) solar farm with an energy storage facility, located 2 km north-east of Wellington within the Dubbo Local Government Area (LGA).

On December 11, 2019, a Modification Application (NGH 2019) was approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to expand the existing substation on Goolma Road and change the transmission connection to it. This was required to facilitate connection of the project to the substation.

On 3 April 2020, the second Modification Application (NGH 2019) was approved by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to modify the solar panel layout, electrical and transmission connection routes, expand the battery storage facility and add an additional operations and maintenance building. In addition, the second Modification Application confirmed panel technology and site access point relocation.

The Wellington Solar Farm is a State Significant Development and represents an important contribution to renewable energy generation in New South Wales which includes the construction and operation of a Solar Farm and an Energy Storage Facility at Wellington ('the Project').

An Environmental Management Strategy (EMS) has been prepared to comply with the Conditions of Consent (CoC) from the New South Wales Minister for Planning and all applicable legislation, during the construction and operation of the Project which includes the Solar Farm and an Energy Storage Facility. This Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) forms part of the Construction Environmental Plan (CEMP) for the Project.

This CHMP is applicable for all construction and operation works as approved for the Project which consists of the Solar Farm and the Energy Storage Facility. It will be implemented for all works, regardless of any construction that may occur at a later date outside the main construction period or any staged approach to the construction and operation of the Solar Farm and an Energy Storage Facility

The purpose of this CHMP is to describe how impacts on Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage will be minimised and managed during construction and operation of the Project, which also includes the construction and operation of an energy storage facility.

Initial conversations were held with OEH and the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) while drafting this plan. All comments initially provided by OEH and the RAPs were incorporated into a draft CHMP that was provided to the RAPs for comments.

This CHMP has been prepared by suitably qualified, independent and experienced archaeologists Matthew Barber from NGH, who is endorsed by the Secretary as a heritage expert for the Wellington Solar Project. The Secretary approved this CHMP on the 18 August 2019.

#### 1.1 THE PROJECT

The Scope of Works under the contract includes all works necessary to design, construct, test, commission, energise, decommission, and train staff in the operation of a 170  $MW_{AC}$  solar farm including energy storage (approximately 25 Mw / 100 Mw rated capacity), and inverter stations.

The Scope of Works consists of but is not limited to:



- Approximately 500,714 solar panels (up to 4.5 metres (m) in height) and approximately 33 inverter stations (up to 4 m in height).
- An energy storage facility (approximately 25 Mw / 100 Mw rated capacity) with up to 6 purpose-built blocks (which will be constructed at a later date outside the main construction period).
- Underground 33kV, 132 kV or 330 kilovolt (kV) transmission cables connecting the energy storage facility to the TransGrid substation.
- Internal access tracks, staff amenities, car parking, laydown area and security fencing.
- The substation expansion includes underground transmission cables and an additional substation bench (located on the western edge of the existing substation).
- The number of panels has increased from the estimated 440,000 in the EIS to 500,714.
- The number of inverter stations has decreased from 50 to 33.

During construction, the Project will be accessed off Goolma Road, approximately 4.6 km north of the intersection with the Mitchell Highway. Key road works for the Project will involve upgrading the intersection of Goolma Road and the Project access point with a Basic Right Turn (BAR) and Basic Left Turn (BAL) treatment.

The construction period will last for up to 12 months from the commencement of site establishment works and include a peak period of 6 months.

#### 1.2 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

This CHMP is part of Lightsource BPs environmental management framework for the Project, as described in the overall Environmental Management System (EMS).

Used together this CHMP and other sub-plans, procedures and management guides clearly identify required environmental management actions for reference by Lightsource BP Infrastructure personnel and contractors.

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The CHMP provides mitigation and management measures that will be incorporated into site or activity specific Environmental Work Method Statements (EWMS).

The review and document control processes for this plan are described in the EMS.

# 2 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

#### 2.1 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this CHMP is to describe how impacts on Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage will be minimised and managed during construction of the Project.



The key objective of the CHMP is to ensure that impacts to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage are minimised and are within the scope permitted by the planning approval. To achieve this objective, the following will be undertaken:

- Ensure appropriate controls and procedures are implemented during construction activities
  to avoid (where necessary) or minimise potential adverse impacts to Aboriginal and nonAboriginal heritage in the project footprint.
- Ensure appropriate measures are implemented to address the mitigation measures detailed in the EIS, CoC and Response to Submissions, Revised Mitigation Measures (RMM).
- Ensure appropriate measures are implemented to comply with all relevant legislation and other requirements as described in Section 3 of this plan.
- Facilitate engagement with the local Aboriginal community in partnership to appropriately manage the Aboriginal cultural heritage values associated with the Project.

#### 2.2 TARGETS

The following targets have been established for the management of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage impacts during construction of the Project:

- Ensure full compliance with the relevant legislative requirements.
- Ensure full compliance with relevant requirements of the EIS and CoC.
- Minimise or avoid impacts on known Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage sites.
- Follow correct procedure and ensure notification of any previously unidentified Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal objects/places uncovered during construction.
- Ensure Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Awareness Training is provided to all personnel in the form of induction before they begin work on site.

# **3 ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS**

# 3.1 LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Legislation relevant to heritage management includes:

- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act)
- National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NPW Act)
- National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Aboriginal Objects and Places) Regulation 2010
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Commonwealth)
- Heritage Act 1977

The main guidelines, specifications and policy documents relevant to this Plan include:

- Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW (OEH 2011);
- Code of Practice for the Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales (OEH 2010a);

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- Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation requirements for proponents 2010 (ACHCRP) (OEH 2010b) produced by the NSW OEH.
- Assessing Heritage Significance (Heritage Office, 2001).

#### 3.2 CONDITIONS OF CONSENT

The CoC were issued by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) on 25 May 2018. Modified Approval and update to the COC were provided in December 11, 2019. Details of the CoC in relation to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage are provided verbatim in Table 1.

Details of the CoC in relation to the Administrative Conditions (Schedule 2) for non-Aboriginal heritage items are noted in Condition 8 while the Environmental Conditions (Schedule 3) for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage are noted in Conditions 17 to 19.

Table 1 Location of information in this plan addressing the requirements of Conditions of Consent

Condition number	Condition of Consent	Location of relevant information
8	Prior to commencing operations, the Applicant must repurpose the Narrawa Homestead as an operations and maintenance facility, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise	-CoC (Following Mod 2 approval)
17	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must salvage and relocate all Aboriginal heritage items located within the approved development footprint to suitable alternative locations 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.	-CHMP Table 4 and Appendix D -CoC
18	<ul> <li>The Applicant must:</li> <li>a) Ensure the development does not cause any direct or indirect impacts on the Aboriginal heritage items and potential archaeological deposits located outside the approved development footprint;</li> <li>b) Minimise any impacts on the historic heritage item, and the potential archaeological deposits located within the approved development footprint; and</li> <li>c) Undertake a program of test excavation and salvage of the potential archaeological deposits located within the approved development footprint, in accordance with the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW (DECCW, 2010), or its latest version.</li> </ul>	-CHMP Table 4 and Appendix D -CoC
19	Prior to the commencement of construction, the Applicant must prepare a Heritage Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must:  a) be prepared by suitably qualified and experienced persons whose appointment has been endorsed by the Secretary;  b) be prepared in consultation with BCD and Aboriginal Stakeholders;  c) include a description of the measures that would be implemented for:  protecting the Aboriginal heritage items and potential archaeological deposits located outside the approved development footprint, including fencing off the Aboriginal heritage items prior to commencing construction and/or pre-construction minor works;  salvaging and relocating the Aboriginal heritage items located within	-This document

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Condition number	Condition of Consent	Location of relevant information
	the approved development footprint;  minimising and managing the impacts of the development on the historic heritage item, and the potential archaeological deposits located within the development footprint, including:  undertaking test excavation and salvage at the potential archaeological deposits, and  a strategy for the long-term management of any Aboriginal heritage items or material collected during the test excavation works;  a contingency plan and reporting procedure if:  previously unidentified Aboriginal 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  nongoing consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders during the implementation of the plan;  d) include a program to monitor and report on the effectiveness of these measures and any heritage impacts of the project.  Following the Secretary's approval, the Applicant must implement the Heritage Management Plan.	

## 4 CONSULTATION

CoC requires the CHMP be prepared in consultation with OEH and Aboriginal Stakeholders (in relation to Aboriginal Heritage).

The consultation process began in 2017 for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR). The consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders was undertaken in accordance with clause 80C of the National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Aboriginal Objects and Aboriginal Places) Regulation 2010 following the consultation steps outlined in the ACHCRP guide provided by OEH.

As a result of this process, five groups contacted the consultant to register their interest in the project. The groups who registered interest in the project are listed below.

- Wellington Local Aboriginal Land Council;
- Wellington Valley Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation;
- Gallangabang Aboriginal Corporation;
- Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri Heritage Survey; and
- Wiradjuri Central West Republic.

No other party registered their interest, including the entities and individuals recommended by OEH.

The fieldwork was organised and all the groups who registered an interest in the project were invited to participate in the fieldwork.



A copy of the draft ACHAR was provided to the registered parties for comment. Their responses indicated that the report was accepted, and they agreed with the recommendations. Some additional comments where provided on the recommendations with the main points relevant to this CHMP outlined below.

- If Wellington Scarred Tree 1 should fall over it was requested that a suitable structure be erected by the Proponent that is deemed suitable to the Aboriginal Community.
- That a smoking ceremony take place to cleanse the artefacts and reburial site during the salvage program of works.

The proponent accepted the request to house the scar tree should it fall and noted that the continued monitoring of the tree's condition will be included as part of the CHMP for the project. The request for a Cultural Smoking Ceremony as part of the salvage works was also acknowledged and accepted and will be incorporated into the CHMP and salvage methodology.

For this CHMP additional consultation, as required by the CoC, was undertaken with OEH and the registered Aboriginal parties (Appendix E). This additional consultation initially involved phone conversations with the RAPs and OEH in February 2019. During these conversations the RAPs provided comments in relation to what they wanted to see in the CHMP. The main points noted were:

- To make sure the scarred tree was protected or that if it falls the Proponent would protect or help salvage it.
- To ensure the PADs were tested if they were going to be impacted.
- That the storage of artefacts should be on country with reburial the preferred option in an area that would not be disturbed.

OEH also identified some key points that the CHMP should contain. These include:

- Ensure the Unexpected Finds Procedure is an easy to follow plan with actions for people to follow.
- Ensure the CHMP includes clear strategies and clear statements for managing heritage and the potential for finds to occur.
- Recommends RAPs should be involved in collections of known sites and any further finds.
- Ensure that if skeletal material was found, contact should be made to police but to also include joint contact with OEH.
- Ensure the salvage description includes some detail regarding the methods to be utilised.
- Include potential alternative strategies to accommodate different scenarios in response to progression of works.

All comments initially provided by OEH and the RAPs were incorporated into a draft CHMP. The draft CHMP was provided to the RAPs for consideration and comment on the 15 April 2019. OEH were provided the draft CHMP on the 14 May 2019.

This CHMP v1.3 was approved by the Secretary on the 18 August 2019 (see Appendix F).

After the approval of the first Modification Application on December 11, 2019, which involved notification to RAPs, this plan was updated (v1.4) to include the new project scope. No changes to the mitigation strategies and no additional consultation were required.

This CHMP was updated (Version 1.5) to include new layout changes after the second Modification Application approval on 03 April 2020.

The CHMP was further updated (Version 1.8) in August 2020 to include the revised conditions of consent for the Narrawa Homestead following the approval of the second Modification Application ( issued on the 03 April 2020) as per the comments provided by DPIE.



#### **5** EXISTING HERITAGE

NGH Heritage (2017) prepared an ACHAR for the proposed Wellington Solar Farm. The findings of the ACHAR were summarised within the EIS and a brief summary is also included below (NGH Environmental 2017). Additionally, a historical heritage chapter was prepared as part of this EIS and a brief summary of its findings is also included below (NGH Environmental 2017).

#### 5.1 KNOWN ABORIGINAL HERITAGE WITHIN THE PROJECT

There were 61 stone artefacts found across the Project area that were recorded as 25 site occurrences. These archaeological features have been recorded as ten artefact scatters (AS) and 15 isolated finds (IF). A single scarred tree (ST) and a possible hearth (HTH) were also recorded. Based on the land use history, visibility, an appraisal of the results from the field survey and the archaeological background of the area, it was concluded that two areas of Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) were identified within the proposal area that have potential for subsurface finds. Both of these PAD areas (PAD 1 and PAD 2) had a higher density of surface artefacts compared to the rest of the Project area and appear to have a good depth of deposit.

The results of previous archaeological surveys in the Wellington region show that there are sites and artefacts present across the landscape. The predictions based on the modelling for the Project area were that stone artefacts and scarred trees were the most likely manifestation of Aboriginal occupation of the area. It was noted that while Aboriginal sites may be expected throughout all landscapes the most archaeologically sensitive areas occur in proximity to water. The survey results have confirmed this prediction with stone artefacts recorded as isolated finds and artefact scatters across the Project area. The sites were all identified on low slopes and flats within proximity of a creek line or water source, even in areas highly disturbed by farming activities (NGH Environmental 2017). The cultural significance of the sites is only determined by the local Aboriginal community.

#### **5.1.1** Potential Impacts to Aboriginal Sites and Objects

The Project involves the construction of a solar farm and associated infrastructure. The impact to Aboriginal heritage sites is likely to be most extensive where earthworks occur and would involve the removal, breakage or displacement of artefacts. This is considered a direct impact on the Aboriginal objects by the development in its present form.

The impact to the scientific values of the sites is outlined in Table 2 below. The isolated artefacts have little research value apart from what has already been gained from the information obtained during the present assessment. This information relates more to the presence of the artefacts and in the development of Aboriginal site modelling, which has largely now been realised by the recording. The scarred tree site, Wellington Solar Farm ST 1, will not be impacted by the solar farm.

Aboriginal objects, their significance, and proposed management are listed in Table 2 below and Appendices A and B outline their locations.



Table 2 Archaeological impact assessment of Aboriginal sites and management recommendations (NGH Environmental 2017)

	Environmental 2017)							
AHIMS #	Site name	Type of	Degree	Consequence	Recommendation	Salvage		
		harm	of harm	of harm	from ACHAR	undertaken to		
						date		
36-4-	Wellington	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A- outside of	N/A- outside of		
0142	Solar Farm				development	development		
	IF 1				area.	area. see NGH		
						2020 Salvage Report and		
						Appendix H in		
						this document		
36-4-	Wellington	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A- outside of	N/A- outside of		
0155	Solar Farm				development	development		
	IF 2				area.	area. see NGH		
						2020 Salvage		
						Report and		
						Appendix H in		
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	this document Salvage		
0156	Solar Farm	Direct	TOLAT	value	prior to	completed; see		
0150	IF 3			Value	development.	NGH 2020		
	0				actoropiniona.	Salvage Report		
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage		
0158	Solar Farm			value	prior to	completed; see		
	IF 4				development.	NGH 2020		
				_		Salvage Report		
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage		
0159	Solar Farm			value	prior to	completed; see		
	IF 5				development.	NGH 2020		
						Salvage Report		
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage		
0157	Solar Farm			value	prior to	completed; see		
	IF 6				development.	NGH 2020		
						Salvage Report		
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage		
0141	Solar Farm			value	prior to	completed; see		
	IF 7				development.	NGH 2020		
						Salvage Report		
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage		
0138	Solar Farm			value	prior to	completed; see		
	IF 8				development.	NGH 2020		
					·	Salvage Report		
36-4-	Wellington	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A- outside of	N/A- outside of		
0139	Solar Farm				development	development		
	IF 9				area.	area. see NGH		
					. 20.	2020 Salvage		
						Report and		
						Appendix I in		
						this document		
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage		
0140	Solar Farm	שוופננ	iotai	value		_		
0140	IF 10			value	prior to	completed; see NGH 2020		
	IF 10				development.			
						Salvage Report		



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AHIMS#	Site name	Type of	Degree	Consequence	Recommendation	Salvage
		harm	of harm	of harm	from ACHAR	undertaken to
						date
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	N/A- outside of
0137	Solar Farm			value	prior to	development
	IF 11				development.	area. see NGH
						2020 Salvage
						Report and
						Appendix H in
26.4	VA / a III in a stance	Discort	T-4-1	T-4-11	Calvara abiant	this document
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage
0136	Solar Farm			value	prior to	completed; see
	IF 12				development.	NGH 2020
26.4	Mallington	Discot	Tatal	Tatal lass of	Caluana ahiaat	Salvage Report
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage
0135	Solar Farm IF 13			value	prior to	completed; see NGH 2020
	IF 13				development.	
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage Report Salvage
0134	Solar Farm	Direct	TOLAI	value	_ ,	
0154	Solar Farm			value	prior to development.	completed; see NGH 2020
	IF 14				development.	Salvage Report
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage
0143	Solar Farm	Direct	Total	value	prior to	completed; see
0143	IF 15			value	development.	NGH 2020
	11-13				development.	Salvage Report
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage
0144	Solar Farm	Direct	Total	value	prior to	completed; see
0144	AS 1			value	development.	NGH 2020
	7.5 1				development.	Salvage Report
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage
0145	Solar Farm	2000		value	prior to	completed; see
52.5	AS 2				development.	NGH 2020
						Salvage Report
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Partial	Partial loss of	Salvage object	Salvage
0147	Solar Farm			value	prior to	completed; see
	AS 3				development.	NGH 2020
					-	Salvage Report
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage
0146	Solar Farm			value	prior to	completed; see
	AS 4				development.	NGH 2020
						Salvage Report
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage
0148	Solar Farm			value	prior to	completed; see
	AS 5				development.	NGH 2020
						Salvage Report
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage
0149	Solar Farm			value	prior to	completed; see
	AS 6				development.	NGH 2020
						Salvage Report
36-4-	Wellington	Direct	Total	Total loss of	Salvage object	Salvage
0150	Solar Farm			value	prior to	completed; see
	AS 7				development.	NGH 2020
						Salvage Report



AHIMS #	Site name	Type of harm	Degree of harm	Consequence of harm	Recommendation from ACHAR	Salvage undertaken to date
36-4- 0151	Wellington Solar Farm AS 8	Direct	Total	Total loss of value	Salvage object prior to development.	N/A- outside of development area. see NGH 2020 Salvage Report and Appendix H in this document
36-4- 0152	Wellington Solar Farm AS 9	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A- outside of development area.	N/A- outside of development area. see NGH 2020 Salvage Report and Appendix H in this document
36-4- 0153	Wellington Solar Farm AS 10	Direct	Total	Total loss of value	Salvage object prior to development.	Salvage completed; see NGH 2020 Salvage Report
36-4- 0154	Wellington Solar Farm ST 1	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A- outside of development area.	N/A- outside of development area. see NGH 2020 Salvage Report and Appendix H in this document
N/A	Wellington Solar Farm HTH 1	Nil	Nil	Nil	N/A- outside of development area.	N/A- outside of development area. see NGH 2020 Salvage Report and Appendix H in this document
N/A	PAD 1	Direct	Partial	Unknown loss of value	Further archaeological investigation should be undertaken via testing.	Testing undertaken see NGH 2020 Salvage Report
N/A	PAD 2	Direct	Partial	Unknown loss of value	Further archaeological investigation should be undertaken via testing.	Testing undertaken see NGH 2020 Salvage Report

#### 5.2 NARRAWA HOMESTEAD

The results of the historical heritage investigations for the Project indicated that a single known heritage site, the Narrawa Homestead, was located within the Project area. The Narrawa Homestead is a site of local significance listed on the Wellington Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012. The LEP listing for the



property (Item I49) identified that that homestead is located at 6916 Goolma Road (Lot 90, DP 588075) and that it holds historical and aesthetic heritage significance at a local level.

Dubbo Regional Council manage a heritage inventory (State Heritage Inventory) database for heritage items listed on the LEP. The Narrawa Homestead State Heritage Inventory (SHI) listing number is 2640149. The SHI inventory sheet for the property is summarised in Table 3.

The Narrawa Homestead was inspected separately by the Dubbo Regional Council Heritage Advisor and NGH archaeologists for this Project. The property, and the region, has historically been the site of agricultural activities and the solar farm will introduce solar panel structures into what has historically been agricultural farmland. While the solar farm will alter the historical agricultural context into which the Narrawa Homestead was built the homestead will remain and the solar farm will eventually be decommissioned with the opportunity of returning the land to agricultural use.

The solar farm proposal was not considered likely to have a significant impact in accordance with the NSW *Heritage Act 1977*, the EP&A Act, or the EPBC Act, in terms of non-Aboriginal heritage and specifically upon the locally listed Narrawa Homestead.

Table 3 SHI inventory sheet for Narrawa Homestead

Criteria	Description
Physical Description	The homestead at Narrawa was built in 1908. It is a typical large country home with Federation features in its ceilings, joinery and detail. The owners have extended the original house. These extensions were carried in line with the original design.
Statement of Significance	The brick homestead is a large house with strong elements of the Federation Queen Anne style and with a sympathetic addition and complementary garden setting in keeping with the ambience of the house. Historically important as an example of a type of residence erected on prosperous country properties pre-World War I.

#### 5.2.1 Potential impacts to the Narrawa Homestead

Schedule 2 Condition 8 notes that Prior to commencing operations, the Applicant must repurpose the Narrawa Homestead as an operations and maintenance facility, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise

Schedule 3 Condition 18 b of the CoC notes that the applicant must minimize any impacts on historic heritage items within the approved footprint. This condition specifically relates to the Narrawa Homestead.

# 6 HERITAGE CONTROL MEASURES

A range of mitigation requirements and control measures are identified in the EIS (and Submissions Report), CoC, RMM and ACHAR. Specific measures and requirements to address impacts to heritage values for the Project, which included the construction and operation of both the Solar Farm and the Energy Storage Facility, are outlined in Table 4. The measures have been listed to cover broad activities and as such there may be some repetition of mitigation measures.

It should be noted that prior to commencing operations, that Lightsource BP must repurpose the Narrawa Homestead as an operations and maintenance facility, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise.



Table 4 Monitoring and reporting as required under the CoC in relation to the Project.

Measure / Requirement	Resources needed	When to implement	Responsibility	References
GENERAL		·		
Training will be provided to all personnel involved in construction and management phases of the Project, including relevant sub-contractors on heritage requirements from this plan through inductions, toolboxes and targeted training.	Induction package Toolbox training material Targeted training material	Pre-construction Construction Operation	LightsourceBP Environmental Officer HSEQ Personnel	This document Section 7.2 and EMS
A strategy for the long-term management of any items or material that are collected during any of these archaeological works would be developed in consultation with the registered Aboriginal Party. The artefacts recovered from the testing program and salvage collection would be buried in a safe location within the Project area outside the development footprint.	CoC Wellington Solar Farm ACHA	Pre-construction Construction Operation	LightsourceBP	This document Section 7.3
If the site Wellington Solar Farm ST 1 should fall during the construction, operational or decommissioning of the solar farm a suitable structure must be erected by the Proponent that is deemed suitable to the Aboriginal Community for its safe keeping.	CoC Wellington Solar Farm ACHA	Pre-construction Construction Operation	LightsourceBP	This document Section 7.3
Implementation of an approved Cultural Heritage Management Plan	This document	Pre-construction Construction Operation	LightsourceBP	This document
The Applicant must ensure that all new buildings and structures, and any alterations or additions to existing buildings and structures, are constructed in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Building Code of Australia.	Wellington Solar Farm EIS RMM	Pre-construction Construction Operation	LightsourceBP	This document
Prior to commencing operations, the Applicant must repurpose the Narrawa Homestead as an operations and maintenance facility, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise	Wellington Solar Farm EIS RMM Mod 2 CoC	Pre-construction Construction Operation	LightsourceBP	This document Mod 2 CoC
DESIGN				
Ensure that the development avoids (as far as practicable) any direct or indirect impacts on the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage items	CoC Wellington Solar Farm ACHA Wellington Solar Farm EIS This document	Design Construction Operation Decommissioning	LightsourceBP Environmental Officer	This document
The design of the solar farm must avoid the site Wellington Solar Farm ST 1 and include a minimum 10m buffer to protect the tree root zone.	CoC Wellington Solar Farm ACHA	Design	LightsourceBP Environmental Officer	This document Section 4, Appendix A
PRE-CONSTRUCTION				
Delineation and signage of Aboriginal sites that will not be impacted by the proposed development works will be put in place prior to construction and or preconstruction minor works. This includes around the site Wellington Solar Farm ST 1. A minimum 5m buffer will be placed about stone artefact sites that will not be impacted by the proposed development. Continued periodic monitoring of these sites will occur	Wellington Solar Farm ACHR CHMP	Pre-construction Construction Operation	LightsourceBP Environmental Officer	This document Section 7.3

Measure / Requirement	Resources needed	When to implement	Responsibility	References
Salvage and relocate all Aboriginal heritage items located within the approved development footprint to a suitable alternative location/s on site. Salvage would be conducted by an archaeologist with representatives of the Registered Aboriginal Parties. A smoking ceremony would take place to cleanse the artefacts and reburial location/s during the salvage program of works	Code of Practice Wellington Solar Farm ACHA CoC	Pre-construction	LightsourceBP	This document Chapter 5 Appendix D NGH 2020 Salvage Report
Undertake a program of test excavation and salvage at the potential archaeological deposits (PAD 1 and PAD 2) located within the approved development footprint.	Code of Practice Wellington Solar Farm ACHR	Pre-construction	LightsourceBP	This document Chapter 5 Appendix D NGH 2020 Salvage Report
Further archaeological assessment would be required if the Project activity extends beyond the area assessed in the ACHAR. This would include consultation with the registered Aboriginal parties and may include further field survey.	Wellington Solar Farm ACHA	Pre-construction	LightsourceBP	This document Section 6
Inspection of the conditions of Wellington Solar Farm ST 1 and its fencing will occur for the duration of construction and operations.	Wellington Solar Farm ACHA CHMP	Pre-Construction Construction Operational Decommissioning	LightsourceBP Environmental Officer HSEQ Officer	This document Section 7.3
If Wellington Solar IF 1 cannot be avoided by the design as approved in Modification 2, the site must be salvaged and reburied in line with the CHMP and CoC.	Modification application : Wellington Solar Farm Revised Project Layout (Mod 2)	Pre-construction	LightsourceBP	This document Chapter 5 Appendix H
CONSTRUCTION				
Where any additional, unrecorded Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal objects are encountered during construction, the Unexpected Finds Procedure will be followed.	Unexpected Finds Procedure	Construction Operational Decommissioning	LightsourceBP	This document Appendix C
If human remains are discovered on site, then all work surrounding the area must cease, and the area must be secured. The Unexpected Finds Procedure will be followed to notify police and Heritage NSW as soon as possible. Work must not recommence in the area until this is authorised by Heritage NSW.	Unexpected Finds Procedure	Construction Operational Decommissioning	LightsourceBP	This document Appendix C
Monitoring of heritage sites within the project area outside the development footprint to ensure no impacts or inadvertent impacts. This includes monitoring of the reburial location/s of Aboriginal objects collected during the salvage program and/or the testing program.	Wellington Solar Farm ACHA CHMP	Construction Operational Decommissioning	LightsourceBP Environmental Officer HSEQ Officer	This document Section 7.3 See Appendix I
Should an item of historic heritage be identified, the Heritage NSW would be contacted prior to further work being carried out in the vicinity.	Wellington Solar Farm EIS RMM	Construction Operational Decommissioning	LightsourceBP Environmental Officer	This document
The existing cultural plantings around the Narrawa Homestead and its driveway should be maintained.	Wellington Solar Farm EIS RMM	Construction Operational Decommissioning	LightsourceBP	This document

## 7 COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT

#### 7.1 STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Lightsource BP Project Team's organisational structure and overall roles and responsibilities are outlined in the EMS. Specific responsibilities for the implementation of environmental controls will be detailed in the CEMP.

#### 7.2 TRAINING

To ensure that this CHMP is effectively implemented, each level of management is responsible for ensuring that all personnel reporting to them are aware of the requirements of this strategy. Health Safety and Environment and Quality (HSEQ) will coordinate the environmental training in conjunction with other training and development activities (e.g. safety). A record of this training will be maintained by the HSEQ Personnel.

In particular, all employees, contractors and utility staff working on site will receive Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Awareness Training. It will be provided to all personnel in the form of an induction before they begin work on site. This training will address obligations under the Project CoC, the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* and project specific site identification, heritage conservation and management measures. Targeted training in the form of toolbox talks or specific training will also be provided to personnel with a key role in heritage management. Further details regarding staff induction and training will be outlined in the CEMP.

#### 7.3 INSPECTIONS AND MONITORING

Periodic inspection of the site Wellington Solar Farm ST 1 (AHIMS #36-4-0154) and Aboriginal heritage sites located outside the approved development footprint will occur for the duration of construction and operation of the solar farm.

The site Wellington Solar Farm ST 1 (AHIMS #36-4-0154) and other Aboriginal heritage sites located outside the approved development footprint will be identified by the project archaeologist and/or the Site Environmental Officer (SEO) and demarked by fencing prior to constructions works commencing to ensure there are no inadvertent impacts during the construction and operation of the solar farm. Inspection of the site will occur fortnightly during construction and monthly thereafter by the SEO.

Any stone artefacts collected during the salvage program and/or recovered during the subsurface testing program will be reburied at a safe location outside the development footprint within the Project area. The reburial location/s of the salvaged stone artefacts will also be subject to monitoring and inspection.

Any compliance Issues will be recorded and raised with the relevant authorities. Inspections will be undertaken following a reporting checklist.

#### 7.4 AUDITING

Audits (both internal and external) will be undertaken to assess the effectiveness of environmental controls, compliance with this sub plan and other relevant approvals, licenses and guidelines.



Cultural heritage should be included within any environmental audit of impacts undertaken during the construction phase.

Audit requirements are detailed in the EMS.

#### 7.5 REPORTING

Reporting requirements and responsibilities are documented in the EMS

### 8 REVIEW AND IMPROVEMENT

#### 8.1 CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Continuous improvement of this Plan will be achieved by the ongoing evaluation of heritage management performance against heritage policies, objectives and targets to identify opportunities for improvement.

The continuous improvement process will be designed to:

- Identify areas of opportunity for improvement of environmental management and performance.
- Determine the cause or causes of non-conformances and deficiencies.
- Develop and implement a plan of corrective and preventative action to address any non-conformances and deficiencies.
- Verify the effectiveness of the corrective and preventative actions.
- Document any changes in procedures resulting from process improvement.
- Make comparisons with objectives and targets.

#### 8.2 CHMP UPDATE AND AMENDMENT

The processes and plans described in the EMS may result in the need to update or revise this Plan. This will occur as needed.

Only the SEO, or delegate, has the authority to change any of the CHMP documentation.

A copy of the updated plan and changes will be distributed to all relevant stakeholders in accordance with the approved document control procedure – refer to the EMS.



# 9 REFERENCES

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# APPENDIX A HERITAGE CONSTRAINTS MAP

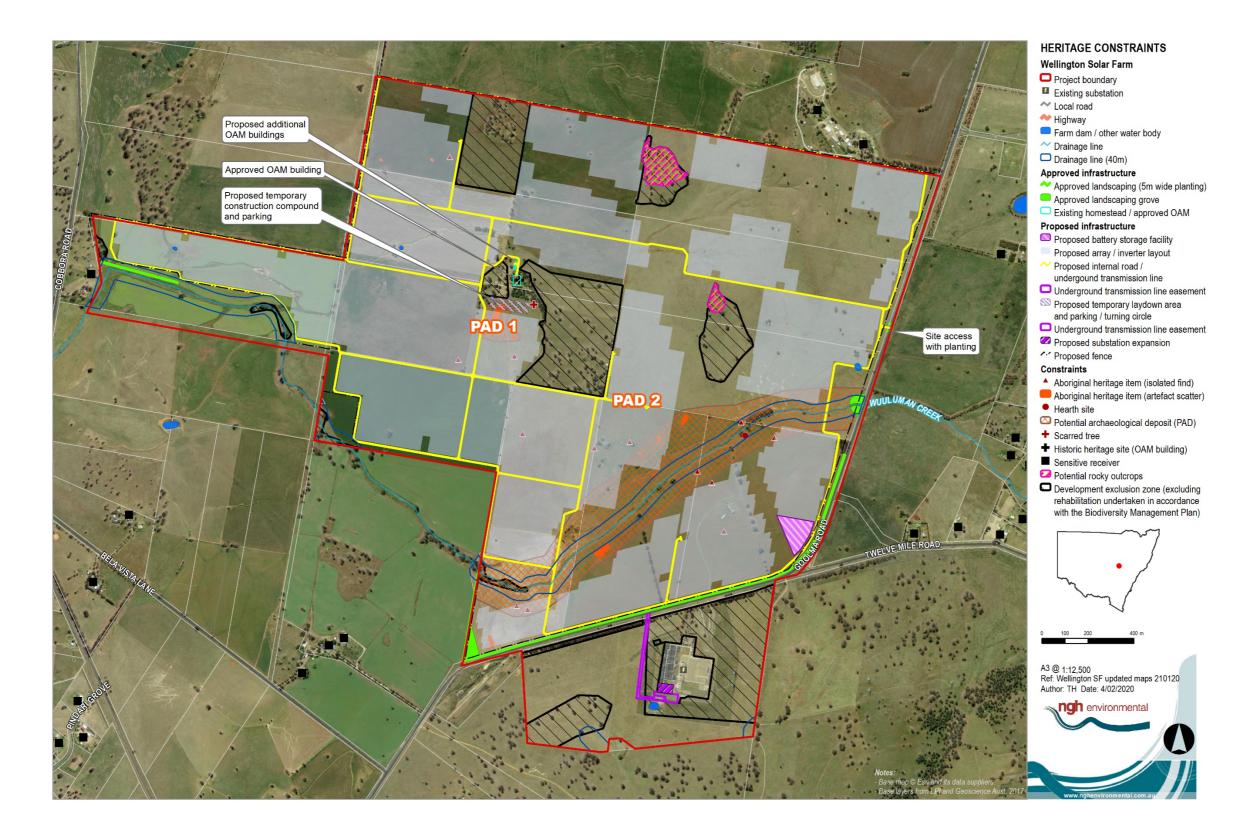


Figure 1 Overview of recorded Aboriginal heritage sites in Project.





Figure 2 Close up of recorded Aboriginal heritage sites in Project (Figure 1 of 2).





Figure 3 Close up of recorded Aboriginal heritage sites in Project (Figure 2 of 2).



# APPENDIX B GENERAL LAYOUT OF DEVELOPMENT



Figure 4 Figure from CoC Appendix 1 General layout of development.



## APPENDIX C UNEXPECTED FINDS PROTOCOL

#### C.1 INTRODUCTION

This unexpected find protocol has been developed to provide a method for managing unexpected non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal heritage items identified during the construction and maintenance of the Project. The unexpected find protocol has been developed to ensure the successful delivery of the Project while adhering to the NSW *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act) and the *Heritage Act 1977* (Heritage Act).

All Aboriginal heritage objects are protected under the NPW Act. Under Part 6 of the Act, though in a State Significant Development Conditions of Consent may be issued that allows for conditional harm to objects. There are however, some circumstances where despite undertaking appropriate heritage assessment prior to the commencement of works Aboriginal cultural heritage items or places are encountered that were not anticipated which may be of scientific and/or cultural significance.

Therefore, it is possible that unexpected heritage items may be identified during construction, operation and maintenance works. If this happens the following unexpected find protocol should be implemented to avoid breaching obligations under the NPW Act. This unexpected find protocol provides guidance as to the circumstances under which finds may occur and the actions subsequently required.

#### C.2 WHAT IS A HERITAGE UNEXPECTED FIND?

An unexpected heritage find is defined as any possible Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal heritage object or place, that was not identified or predicted by the project's heritage assessment and is not covered by appropriate permits or development consent conditions. Such finds have potential to be culturally significant and may need to be assessed prior to development impact.

Unexpected heritage finds may include:

- Aboriginal stone artefacts, shell middens, modified trees, mounds, hearths, stone resources and rock art;
- Human skeletal remains; and
- Remains of historic infrastructure and relics.

#### C.3 ABORIGINAL HERITAGE PLACES OR OBJECTS

All Aboriginal objects are protected under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NPW Act).

An Aboriginal object is defined 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 the occupation of that area by persons on non-Aboriginal extraction and includes Aboriginal remains.

All Aboriginal objects are protected and it is an offence to harm or desecrate an Aboriginal object or place.



#### C.4 HISTORIC HERITAGE

The Heritage Act 1977 protects relics which are defined as:

Any deposit, artefact, object or material evidence that relates to the settlement of the area that comprises NSW, not being Aboriginal settlement; and is of State or local heritage significance.

#### C.5 UNEXPECTED FIND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE

In the event that any unexpected Aboriginal heritage places or objects or any substantial intact historic archaeological relics that may be of State or local significance are unexpectedly discovered during the Project, the following management protocols will be implemented. Note: this process does not apply to human or suspected human remains. Follow Section C6 Human Skeletal Remains bellow if remains or suspected remains are encountered.

- 1. Works within the immediate identified heritage location will cease. Personnel should notify their supervisor of the find, who will notify the project manager.
- 2. Establish whether the unexpected find is located within an area covered by approved Conditions of Consent or whether it is outside based on Appendix A and B.
- 3. If the find it is determined to be covered under approved CoC undertake the following steps
  - a. Establish an appropriate buffer zone of at least 20 metres to allow for the assessment and management of the find. All site personnel will be informed about the buffer zone with no further works to occur within the buffer zone.
  - b. A heritage specialist or the project archaeologist will be engaged to assess the Aboriginal place or object encountered and undertake appropriate salvage of the site in line with the mitigation methods and approval requirements of the CoC.
  - c. Following appropriate salvage of the unexpected find works may continue at this location
- 4. If the unexpected find is not covered under the existing approved CoC undertake the following steps.
  - a. All works at this location must cease.
  - b. An appropriate buffer zone of at least 20 metres to allow for the assessment and management of the find must be established. All site personnel will be informed about the buffer zone with no further works to occur.
  - c. A heritage specialist or the project archaeologist will be engaged to assess the Aboriginal place or object encountered. Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) representatives may also be engaged to assess the cultural significance of the place or object.
  - d. The discovery of an Aboriginal object will be reported to Heritage NSW and works will not recommence at the heritage place or object until advised to do so by Heritage NSW
  - e. If the unexpected find can be managed *in situ*, works at the location will not recommence until appropriate heritage management controls have been implemented, such as protective fencing.
  - f. If the unexpected find cannot be managed in situ, works at the heritage location will not recommence until further assessment is undertaken and appropriate permits to impact Aboriginal cultural heritage are approved and issued by Heritage NSW.
- 5. For historic relics, work must cease in the affected area and the Heritage Council must be notified in writing. This is in accordance with section 146 of the *Heritage Act 1977*.



6. Depending on the nature of the discovery, additional assessment may be required prior to the recommencement of work in the area. At a minimum, any find should be recorded by an archaeologist.

#### C.6 HUMAN SKELETAL REMAINS

If any human remains or suspected human remains are discovered during any works, all activity in the area must cease immediately. The following plan describes the actions that must be taken in instances where human remains, or suspected human remains are discovered. Any such discovery at the activity area must follow these steps.

#### **Discovery:**

- If any human remains or suspected human remains are found during any activity, works in the vicinity **must** cease and the Project Manager must be contacted immediately.
- The remains must be left in place and protected from harm or damage.
- All personnel should then leave the area immediately

#### **Notification:**

- The NSW Police must be notified immediately. Details of the location and nature of the human remains must be provided to the relevant authorities.
- If there are reasonable grounds to believe that the remains are Aboriginal, the following must also occur;
  - a. Heritage NSW must be contacted as soon as practicable and provide any available details of the remains and their location.
  - b. The relevant Aboriginal community groups must be notified immediately
  - c. The relevant project archaeologist may be contacted to facilitate communication between the police, Heritage NSW and Aboriginal community groups.

#### **Process:**

- If the remains are considered to be Aboriginal by the Police and Heritage NSW no work can recommence at the particular location unless authorised in writing by Heritage NSW.
- Recording of Aboriginal ancestral remains must be undertaken by, or be conducted under the direct supervision of, a specialist physical anthropologist or other suitably qualified person.
- Archaeological reporting of Aboriginal ancestral remains must be undertaken by, or reviewed by, a specialist physical anthropologist or other suitably qualified person, with the intent of using respectful and appropriate language and treating the ancestral remains as the remains of Aboriginal people rather than as scientific specimens.
- If the remains are considered to be Aboriginal by the Police and Heritage NSW, an appropriate
  management and mitigation, or salvage strategy will be implemented following further
  consultation with the Aboriginal community and Heritage NSW.



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# APPENDIX D SALVAGE METHODOLOGY AND POTENTIAL TEST EXCAVATION

#### SURFACE COLLECTION

Each Aboriginal site with surface artefacts that will be impacted within the approved development footprint will need to be collected prior to construction. We would also take the opportunity to examine the immediate surrounds of the recorded sites to identify any other artefacts that may be present within the approved development footprint. The salvage collection fieldwork would be carried out with representatives of the Aboriginal community.

The surface collection of the stone assemblage for each Aboriginal site within the approved development footprint would be undertaken through the following process.

- Walk across the site area (within the construction footprint), use 'pin' flags to identify and mark artefacts.
- Photograph site area to provide visual summary of the artefact distribution.
- If considered necessary, construct a collection grid of 2 m x 2 m or 5 m x 5 m or similar as appropriate to the size of the site, only larger sites or site with higher densities of artefacts will have this strategy.
- As an alternative GPS plot artefacts if required, this is suitable for smaller sites (~<10).
- Collect artefacts. At each collection site the artefacts will be recorded, bagged and labelled in
  accordance with their collection position, that is either individual number and/or their collection
  grid. If suitable and agreed with the RAPs, artefacts may be retained temporarily by NGH and taken
  to the NGH Environmental office in Canberra for detailed recording if required.
- Recording of stone artefacts will be conducted in line with standard archaeological practice to
  include raw material, type, dimensions and any other characteristics considered relevant. Photos
  of particularly interesting items only would be taken.

The reburial location would need to be agreed with by the landowner, the NGH archaeologists and the Aboriginal parties and be outside the proposed development footprint. The location of the reburied artefacts would be noted with AHIMS site cards as legally required. An Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form must be completed and submitted to AHIMS following harm for each site collected or destroyed from salvage and/or construction works. A representative from each of the Registered Aboriginal Parties would be provided with the opportunity to assist the archaeologist with the reburial of the salvaged objects. A smoking ceremony will take place to cleanse the artefacts and reburial site during the salvage program of works as requested by the Aboriginal community.

The recording and reburial of artefacts will be compliant with the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigations* <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/cultureheritage/10783FinalArchCoP.pdf">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/cultureheritage/10783FinalArchCoP.pdf</a>

The reburial location/s will also be provided to LightsourceBP to ensure that these sites are fenced and protected during the construction and operation of the solar farm.



#### **SUBSURFACE TESTING**

If the complete avoidance of PAD1 and PAD2 is not possible, further archaeological investigation in the form of test excavations is required as per the Conditions of Consent to be undertake at the potential archaeological deposits located within the development footprint. Test excavations would be conducted prior to any development and would be undertaken in consultation with the Registered Aboriginal Parties in compliance with the OEH Code of Practice. The test excavation program would be conducted by a qualified archaeologist and members of the registered Aboriginal parties.

The following outlines the process for test excavation to be conducted at the potential archaeological deposits located within the approved development footprint for the Wellington Solar Farm.

- Establish a nominal grid for each testing area to provide a framework to position each test pit.
   We propose to use a 20 m pit spacing along the transects within each Potential Archaeological Deposit (PAD) within area that will be impacted by the development footprint.
- Set up a sieve station, we intend to carry out dry sieving.
- Undertake excavations in line with the OEH Code of Practice:
  - Hand excavation using shovels and trowels, pits to be a minimum of 50cm x 50cm in area.
  - Removal of initial deposit in 5cm levels or 'spits' with subsequent spits at 10cm unless features found requiring a different strategy.
  - o Placement of excavated deposit in buckets labelled by spit and test square.
  - Transfer of buckets to sieve station.
  - Sieving of deposits (dry sieving will be undertaken).
  - Removal of residue from sieves, bag and label for analysis.
  - Excavated material will be analysed in NGH offices in Canberra. Once analysed, material recovered from the testing program will be reburied onsite, preferably at the same location as the surface collected artefacts.
  - o Proceed with excavation until completed.
  - o Continual photography of excavated sections and the excavation work in progress.
  - At completion of excavation, backfill test pits (with sieved material if possible or clean fill if required).

Some flexibility for the placement of test pits is required to ensure adequate assessment of the PAD areas within the development footprint and the identification of archaeological features.

In the event that human bone is located, an *Unexpected Finds Procedure* would be followed. This includes stopping work at that location and making the area secure for further assessment. The police and OEH would be notified. If the remains were determined to be Aboriginal, further discussion and assessment of options would be considered by all parties.

At the conclusion of the testing program a report to the standard required by Heritage NSW would be completed detailing the testing methodology, results, Aboriginal involvement, conclusions and mitigation impact measures employed, if applicable. Artefacts recovered would be reburied at an agreed location by the RAPs and Lightsource BP in accordance with the Code of Practice.



# APPENDIX E ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The following consultation has occurred in the preparation of this CHMP.

Table 5 Consultation with RAPs as part of this CHMP

Registered Party	Contact	Date	Contact Method	Notes
Wellington LALC	Mike Nolan	25/2/2019 27/2/2019	Phone call with M Barber	Left message Returned call, indicated the tree should be protected, wanted to ensure continued LALC involvement in all salvage works
Wellington Valley Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation	Bradley R. Bliss	25/2/2019	Phone call with M Barber	Wanted to make sure scarred tree was protected or if the dead tree falls that First Solar would protect or help salvage Wanted to ensure the PADs were tested if impacted Storage of artefacts should be on country - rebury preferred.
Gallangabang Aboriginal Corporation	Bradley Bliss	25/2/2019	Phone call with M Barber	
Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri heritage Survey	Jamie Gray	25/2/2019	Phone call with M Barber	Wanted artefacts salvaged to be reburied on country in area of non-disturbance.
Wiradjuri Central West Republic	Jamie Gray	25/2/2019	Phone call with M Barber	
ОЕН	Phil Purcell	25/2/2019	Phone call with M Barber	<ul> <li>Made comments about what the CHMP should include. Noted the below</li> <li>Ensure the Unexpected Finds Procedure is an easy to follow plan with actions for people to follow.</li> <li>Ensure the CHMP includes clear strategies and clear statements for managing heritage and the potential for finds to occur.</li> <li>Recommends RAPs should be involved in collections of known sites and any further finds.</li> <li>Ensure that if skeletal material was found, contact should be made to police but to also include joint contact with OEH.</li> </ul>

Registered Party	Contact	Date	Contact Method	Notes
				<ul> <li>Ensure the salvage description includes some detail regarding the methods to be utilised.</li> <li>Include potential alternative strategies to accommodate different scenarios in response to progression of works.</li> </ul>
Draft of CHMP sent to RAPs				
Wellington LALC	Mike Nolan	15/04/2019	Via email	
Wellington Valley Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation	Bradley R. Bliss	15/04/2019	Via email	Response provided via email dated 22/04/2019.Noted that all artefacts collected are to be fully recorded and assessed by NGH Environmental in a laboratory prior to return to site for reburial. Dry Sieving was requested. Training: Any Cultural Heritage Training to staff at inductions should be jointly conducted by WVWAC/GAC and Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri heritage Survey as Traditional Owner representatives.
Gallangabang Aboriginal Corporation	Bradley Bliss	15/04/2019	Via email	Response provided via email dated 22/04/2019. Noted that all artefacts collected are to be fully recorded and assessed by NGH Environmental in a laboratory prior to return to site for reburial. Dry Sieving was requested. Training: Any Cultural Heritage Training to staff at inductions should be jointly conducted by WVWAC/GAC and Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri heritage Survey as Traditional Owner representatives.
Binjang Wellington Wiradjuri heritage Survey	Jamie Gray	15/04/2019	Via email	
Wiradjuri Central West Republic	Jamie Gray	15/04/2019	Via email	

# APPENDIX F CONSULTATION LETTER





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#### Dear Leesa

Wellington Solar Farm - Biodiversity Management Plan and Cultural Heritage Management Plan

I refer to your email dated 28 March 2019 requesting comments from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the draft Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) and the Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) for the Wellington Solar Farm.

OEH notes that this BMP only addresses the management of biodiversity impacts during construction of the project. A separate management plan will be prepared to manage biodiversity through the operation period. OEH recommend that should the Department of Planning and Environment approve this staged approach, the BMP for the operational period should be prepared in consultation with OEH and approved prior to the commencement of operation.

This BMP adequately addresses the conditions as they relate to the construction phase of the project; however, OEH recommends that a final proof read is conducted to rectify some minor errors including the following:

- The section Pesticide application record is duplicated in Section 5.5.2
- A number of references are missing, e.g. Sections 5.5.1, 5.5.2, 5.6.1 and Table 6-1.
- References to the breeding season of Superb Parrots should be removed as this species is not known to breed at the project site.

OEH have no issues regarding the draft CHMP and the associated Chance Finds Protocols. The CHMP adequately explains the avoidance and mitigation strategies for Aboriginal objects. The consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) is also adequate. OEH note that there have been no issues raised by the RAPs with regards to the proposed management of ACH as detailed in the CHMP.

Should you require additional information please contact David Geering on (02) 6883 5335 or david.geering@environment.nsw.gov.au .

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Dear Ms Hillis

# Wellington Solar Project (SSD 8573) Traffic Management Plan and Cultural Heritage Management Plan

I refer to your emails dated 31 July 2019 and 1 August 2019 on behalf of Lightsource BP, asking the Secretary for approval of the:

- Wellington Solar Farm Traffic Management Plan (Version 2, dated 30 July 2019), and
- Wellington Solar Farm Cultural Heritage Management Plan (Version 1.3, dated 1 August 2019).

The Department has carefully reviewed the plans and notes that you have consulted with RMS and the Department's Biodiversity Conservation Division (formerly OEH).

The Department is satisfied that the plans address the applicable requirements of condition 6 and 19 of Schedule 3 of the Wellington Solar Project development consent (SSD 8573).

Accordingly, the Secretary has approved the:

- Wellington Solar Farm Traffic Management Plan (Version 2, dated 30 July 2019); and
- Wellington Solar Farm Cultural Heritage Management Plan (Version 1.3, dated 1 August 2019).

Please ensure that the approved documents are placed on your website as soon as possible.

If you require further information, please contact Leesa Johnston on 8289 6861 or by email at Leesa.Johnston@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Nicole Brewer

A/Director

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# APPENDIX G ENDORSEMENT OF HERITAGE EXPERT





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Dear Diana

#### SSD 8573 - Wellington Solar Project Endorsement of Heritage Expert

I refer to your letter dated 19 June 2019 seeking the Secretary's endorsement of a heritage expert for the Wellington Solar Project (SSD 8573).

The Department has reviewed the information you provided. The Department is satisfied that Mr Matthew Barber is suitably qualified, independent and experienced. In accordance with Condition 19 of Schedule 3 of SSD 8573, the Secretary has endorsed Mr Matthew Barber of NGH Environmental.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Leesa Johnston on 02 82896861.

Yours sincerely

Steve O'Donoghue

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# APPENDIX H MAP FROM SALVAGE REPORT OF SITES REMAINING IN SITU AND REBURIAL LOCATION WHICH MUST BE AVOIDED.





APPENDIX I MAP FROM UNEXPECTED FIND SHOWING SITES REMAINING IN SITU AND REBURIAL LOCATIONS WHICH MUST BE AVOIDED AS OF 05 AUGUST 2020.



