

Public Consultation Notice

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA)

New Women's and Children's Hospital

(Supplementary Application)

Project information

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 and 23 of the Act from the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport (Applicant) to enable the construction of the New Women's and Children's Hospital (New WCH).

In 2022, the state government commissioned a review to assess the originally proposed location of the New WCH, which was immediately west of the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH). The review found that the Thebarton Police Barracks, approximately 400 metres west of the RAH, would better meet the ongoing requirements of the New WCH. The state government accepted this recommendation and accordingly the Applicant has sought authorisations under the Act for the additional areas of land now required for construction in this area (Expanded Area).

Aboriginal heritage

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (AAR) holds records for Aboriginal heritage intersecting the Expanded Area. In particular, the River Torrens and surrounding areas have been reported to AAR as an area of cultural significance to the Kaurna people of Adelaide. It is referred to as the Karrawirraparri (River Torrens) Kaurna Mythological Site.

Purpose of consultation

If granted, the authorisations will allow the Applicant to excavate, recover, damage, disturb and/or interfere with Aboriginal sites, objects and/or remains.

Before considering whether to give an authorisation, the Minister must consult with Traditional Owners, interested Aboriginal parties, and the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee.



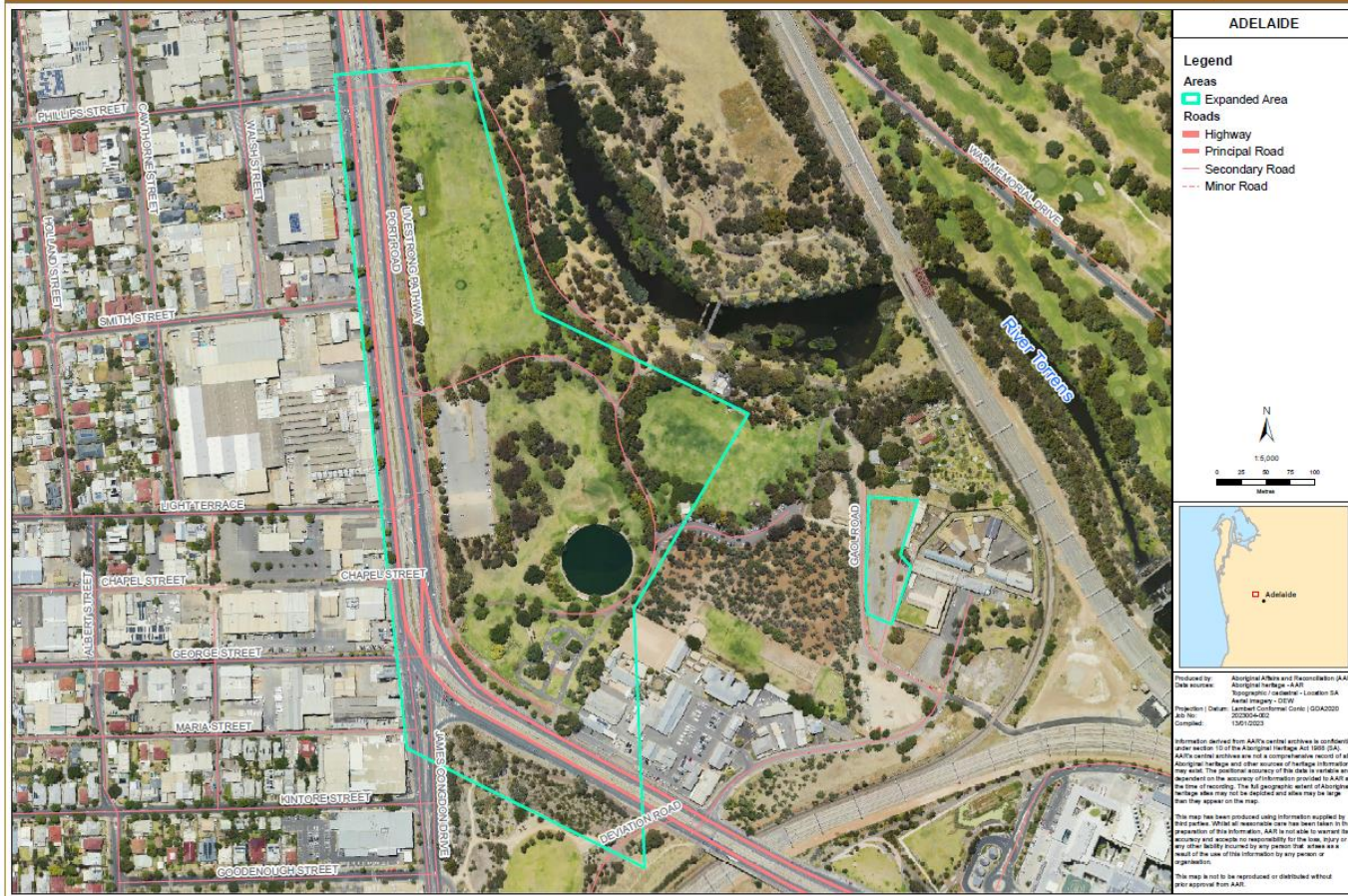
Artist's impression of the New Women's and Children's Hospital facing north
(image courtesy of the Applicant)



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Sections 21 and 23 Expanded Area - New Women's and Children's Hospital



Map showing the Expanded Area bounded in teal

Getting involved

If you are a Traditional Owner or an interested Aboriginal person or organisation, AAR wants to hear from you.

If you wish to learn more, lodge a submission and/or be notified of the Minister's decision in this matter, please contact AAR at:

Email: AAR.CIR@sa.gov.au
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Please share this information with other Traditional Owners and interested Aboriginal people.

Questions to consider

1. Should the authorisations sought be granted to the Applicant? Why or why not?
2. If granted, what conditions (if any) should be put on them?
3. What should the Minister consider when deciding this application?

Consultation closes Thursday 2 March 2023

Further information

AAR has prepared a detailed Consultation Information Pack, which is available at www.agd.sa.gov.au/heritage-applications

If you would like to receive further information, via email or mail, please let AAR know.