

Public Consultation Notice

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA)

NSW Wild Dog Fence Extension Project

Project information

The Soil Conservation Service (Applicant), a NSW government agency, has sought authorisations under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA)* (Act) to enable the construction of a wild dog fence along the South Australia/New South Wales border (Project).

Works would be contained within a 10 m wide corridor, beginning approximately 85 km north of Cockburn in the state's northeast, and extending north for 32.1 km (Application Area).

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (AAR) is aware of 13 Aboriginal sites and/or objects that intersect the Application Area. Works may potentially impact these sites and/or objects or other unknown heritage within the Application Area.

Project works would include the removal of existing fence posts; excavations to install new fence posts and materials; the use of machinery and vehicles; and associated works.



Example of similar fence construction (on right) along the SA/NSW border at the Hungerford pilot site (image courtesy of the Applicant)

Aboriginal heritage

The Applicant intends to manage Aboriginal heritage in accordance with its Aboriginal cultural heritage management plan (ACHMP).

The Applicant advises that the ACHMP contains the following management and mitigation measures:

- engagement of Traditional Owners for Aboriginal heritage monitoring
- archaeological salvage excavations
- relocation of surface artefacts
- collection of samples and testing
- artefact analysis
- implementation of 'No-Go Zones'

The Applicant has also committed to complying with AAR's *Aboriginal Heritage Discovery Protocols*.

For detailed information about this application, please refer to the Consultation Information Pack (see link overleaf).

Purpose of consultation

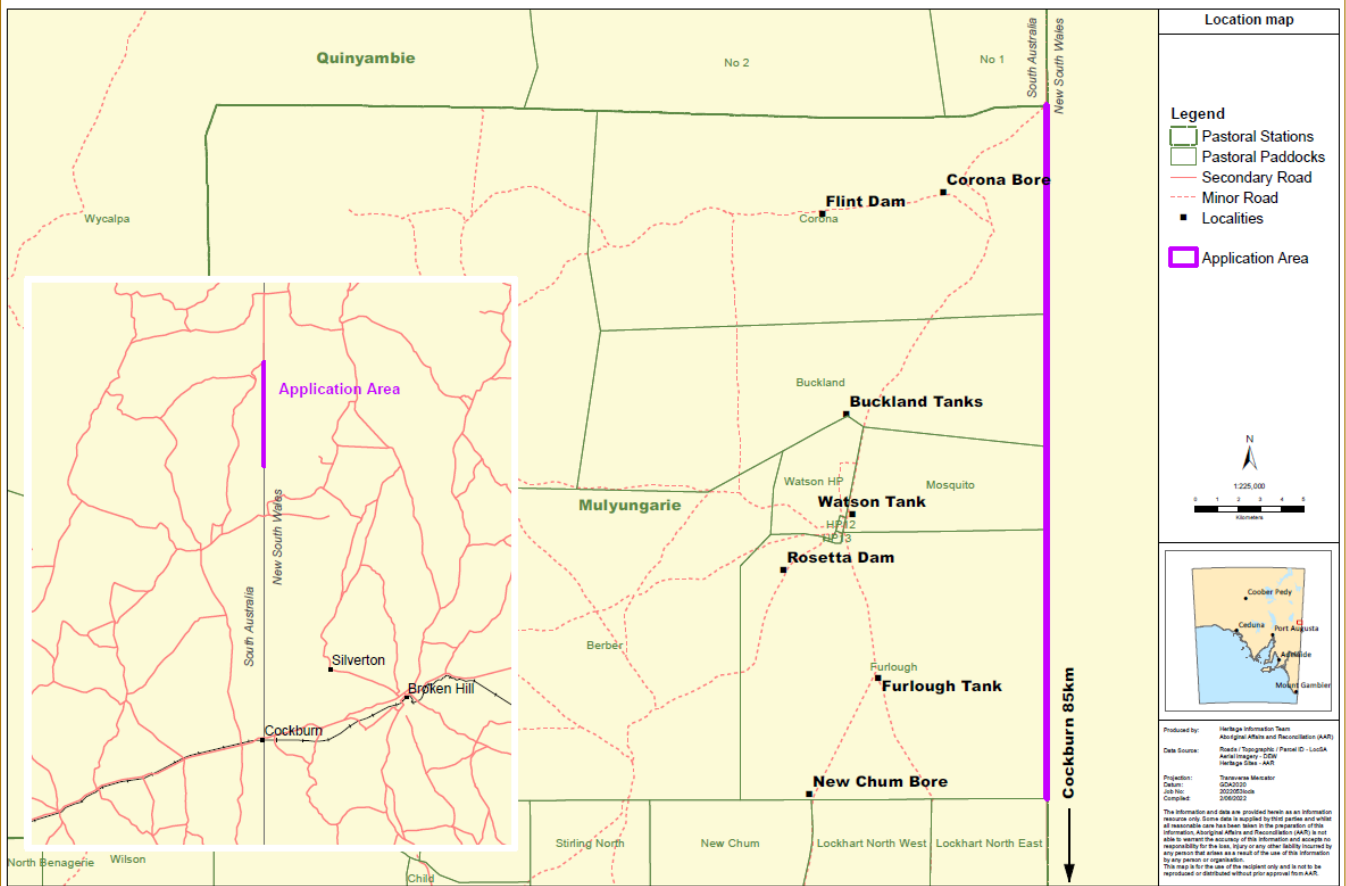
The Applicant has sought the authorisations under sections 21, 23 and 29(1)(b) of the Act.

If granted, the authorisations will allow the Applicant to excavate land for the purpose of uncovering Aboriginal sites, objects or remains (heritage); damage, disturb or interfere with heritage, and remove Aboriginal objects from the state.

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

Application Area Map

Sections 21, 23 and 29(1)(b) Application Area
NSW Wild Dog Fence Extension Project (WDFEP)



Getting involved

If you are an Aboriginal person with an interest in the Project or the Application Area, AAR wants to hear from you.

You can ask questions about the Project or give AAR your views by contacting:

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Please share this information with other potentially 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. Are there any other matters that the Minister should consider in this application?

Consultation closes Thursday 14 July 2022

Further information

AAR has prepared a detailed Consultation Information Pack for the project, which is available at dpc.sa.gov.au/heritage-applications

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