

20A INDIGENOUS CULTURAL HERITAGE

20A.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter provides further information on indigenous cultural heritage for the Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), providing an update on further actions undertaken since publication of the EIS, including cultural heritage management plans for the mining lease application (MLA) area and gas pipeline. The information presented builds on the EIS Volume 1, Chapter 20A Indigenous Cultural Heritage and should be read in conjunction with the EIS chapter.

20A.2 REGISTER SEARCHES

20A.3 PREVIOUS STUDIES OVER MLA AREA

The results of previous archaeological and cultural heritage studies in the Project area are described in the EIS Volume 1, Chapter 20A Indigenous Cultural Heritage, section 20A.3.

20A.3.4 BULTREYS (2009)

In January 2009 a non-systematic and preliminary cultural heritage assessment of the proposed gas pipeline for the Wandoan Coal Project was undertaken by Bultreys in association with representatives of the Imam People #2. The gas supply pipeline study area is located within the cultural boundaries of the Imam People #2.

Targeted walk-over field surveys were undertaken at seven locations along the gas supply pipeline where the potential for cultural heritage was considered to be highest based on Traditional Owner consultation, topographic maps and aerial photography. This included land adjacent to watercourses, particularly where remnant vegetation was intact, and forested areas containing remnant vegetation.

Indigenous cultural heritage was identified at two of seven locations visited: one low density stone artefact scatter located near Roche Creek; and a single scarred tree almost certainly of indigenous origin located within remnant vegetation.

No sites of regional or outstanding cultural heritage, historic or scientific significance were recorded during the targeted field survey. No indications were seen that subsurface deposits of significant structure, content or integrity would be contained within the study area. The Traditional Owner Field Officers who participated in the field survey considered the cultural heritage recorded at the sites to be of low-moderate significance.

20A.4 CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS FOR THE MLA AREA

On 27th February 2009 the Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit of the Department of Natural Resources & Water (NRW) approved the WJV's Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) for the Wandoan Coal Project.

The WJV will continue to manage indigenous cultural heritage in accordance with the approved CHMP and as per commitments outlined in EIS Volume 1, Chapter 20A Indigenous Cultural Heritage section 20A.4.

20A.5 CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS FOR THE GAS SUPPLY PIPELINE AREA

If the gas supply pipeline is selected to contribute to a preferred power supply option, a comprehensive cultural heritage study will be commissioned over the alignment in order to locate further items, sites or places of cultural heritage significance and to develop appropriate management measures to mitigate potential adverse impacts. Further studies will be undertaken in consultation with the Imam People #2. The results of this assessment will be incorporated into developing an 'approved' CHMP, as required under the ACHA, for the Gas Supply Pipeline Area.

20A.6 CONCLUSION

The WJV has obtained approval from NRW for the MLA areas CHMP.

Based on the results of searches of the Cultural Heritage Database and Register held by DERM (formerly NRW) (refer to EIS Volume 2, Chapter 20A Indigenous Cultural Heritage) and the preliminary assessment described above, some known Aboriginal cultural heritage sites are located within the proposed gas supply pipeline area.

If the proposed gas supply pipeline is selected for development by the WJV, a comprehensive cultural heritage study will be commissioned over the pipeline area and a CHMP developed for approval as required under the ACHA.

20A.7 REFERENCES

Bultreys, N. 2009, Preliminary Indigenous Cultural Heritage Assessment of Three Proposed Pipelines for the *Wandoan Coal Project within the Imam People #2 (QC97/55) Native Title Claim*. Prepared for Imam Traditional Owners and Xstrata Coal Queensland.