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Procedure**

UNANTICIPATED DISCOVERY PLAN FOR ABORIGINAL HERITAGE



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1. PURPOSE

The Unanticipated Discovery Plan ('UDP') for Aboriginal Heritage must be followed if Aboriginal heritage is suspected or discovered during construction or other ground-disturbing works associated with the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project ('the Project') on the **Project land**, as defined in the State Policies and Projects (Macquarie Point Precinct) Order 2025 ('the Order').

The procedure is intended to ensure Aboriginal heritage is managed in a controlled manner and in compliance with Schedule 3, Clause 7, Condition **AH5** of the Order. Requirements for the Aboriginal Heritage Area are separate to this Unanticipated Discovery Plan and are to be in accordance with the requirements of the Order.

This UDP applies to the works with respect to the Project on the **Project land** shown in the below Figure 1.

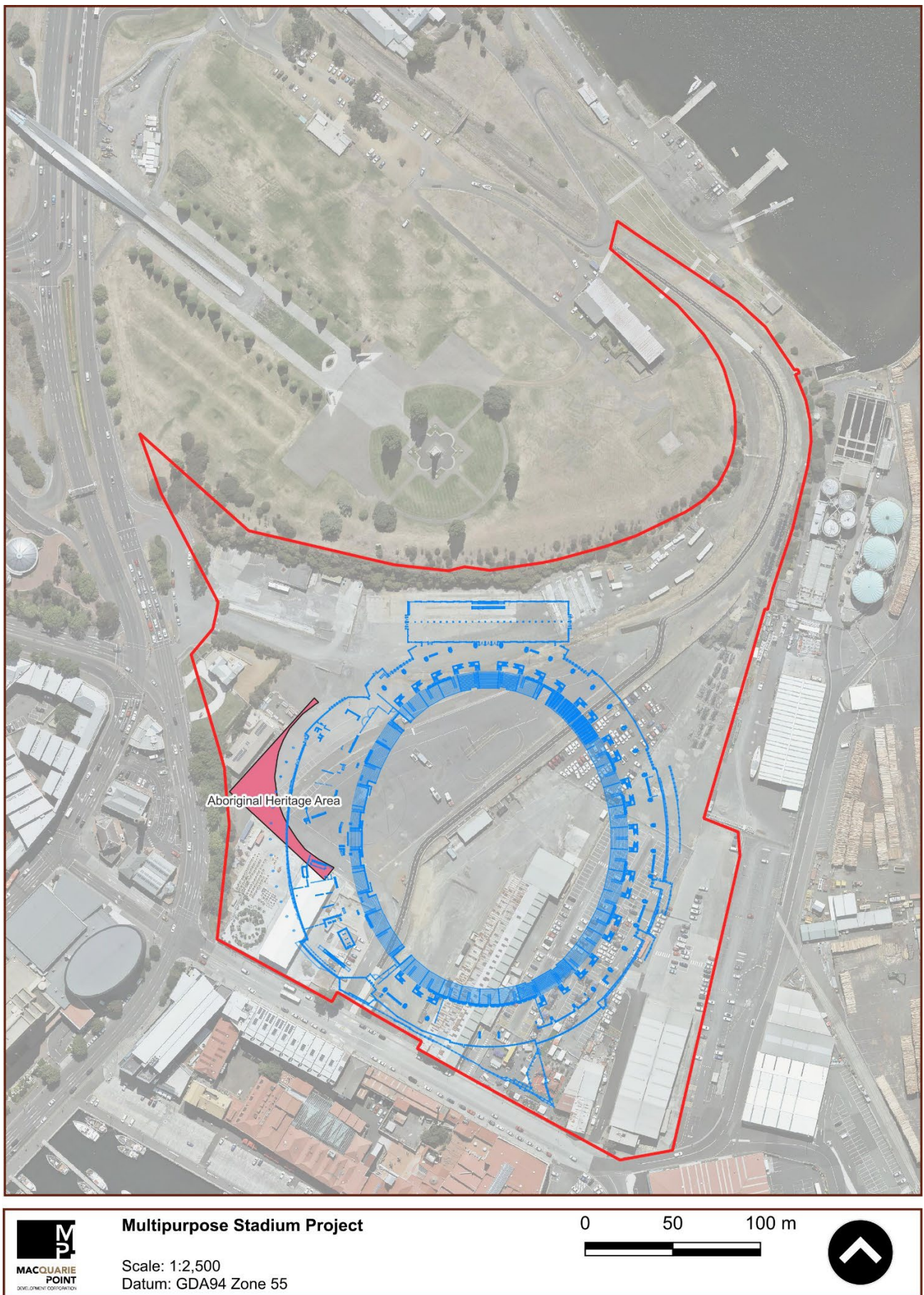


Figure 1: Project Land, Stadium and Goods Shed (rectangle at north of stadium) Footprint and the Aboriginal Heritage Area

1.1. Conditions of the Order

Condition AH5 of the Order requires the following:

- (1) Before works in respect of the Project commence, a plan in respect of the project must be prepared that covers the following requirements in respect of an unanticipated discovery of Aboriginal Heritage:
 - (a) if the unanticipated discovery does not relate to skeletal material –
 - i. the person who believes that they have uncovered a relic on Project land must notify all persons working in the immediate area that all earth disturbances in that area must immediately cease; and
 - ii. a temporary buffer zone of at least 10 metres is to be established to protect the suspected relic, where practicable; and
 - iii. no persons may enter the buffer zone until the suspected relic has been assessed by an archaeologist, an Aboriginal Heritage Officer or an Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania employee; and
 - iv. Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania must be contacted as soon as is practicable, and no later than 48 hours, after the suspected relic is discovered; and
 - v. documentation of the suspected relic must be provided to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania as soon as is practicable.
 - (b) if the unanticipated discovery relates to skeletal material –
 - i. the person who believes that they have uncovered the suspected skeletal remains on Project land must immediately notify the police, or the coroner, and inform all persons working in the immediate area that all earth disturbances in that area must immediately cease; and
 - ii. no person may touch, or disturb, the remains, and the location is to be treated as a potential crime scene; and
 - iii. a temporary buffer zone of at least 50 metres is to be established to protect the remains, where practicable; and
 - iv. works may not resume within the buffer zone until the remains have been dealt with in accordance with the relevant legislation.
- (2) A plan prepared under this condition must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Minister administering the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975*, in consultation with the department responsible for the administration of that Act.

1.2. Definition of Aboriginal Heritage

An **Aboriginal relic**, also referred to as **Aboriginal heritage**, is defined under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975* as:

- a) any artefact, painting, carving, engraving, arrangement of stones, midden, or other object, made or created by any of the original inhabitants of Australia or the descendants of any such inhabitants, which is of significance to the Aboriginal people of Tasmania; or
- b) any object, site, or place that bears signs of the activities of any such original inhabitants or their descendants, which is of significance to the Aboriginal people of Tasmania; or
- c) the remains of the body of such an original inhabitant or of a descendant of such an inhabitant that are not interred in—
 - i. any land that is or has been held, set aside, reserved, or used for the purposes of a burial-ground or cemetery pursuant to any Act, deed, or other instrument; or
 - ii. a marked grave in any other land.

2. PROCEDURE

2.1 Inductions

Prior to their commencement of works on site, MPDC Personnel and all contractors involved in the Project are to receive a detailed pre-works induction carried out by the archaeologist and AHO. This is to include the following:

- A detailed overview of the Aboriginal heritage at the site, including information on what to look for, and how to identify it.
- Obligations under the Order as outlined in this document with respect to Aboriginal Heritage as to protocols and requirements regarding the heritage at the place including what to do if heritage is found during works.
- Protocols as to working sensitively on the Project land and respecting the significant nature of the place.
- As a reminder of obligations and protocols, daily toolbox meetings should include a heritage component delivered by the archaeologist and/or AHO when they are present or by the Site Supervisor when they are not.

2.2 Communication Timeframes and Methods on the Suspected Discovery of Aboriginal Heritage

All MPDC Personnel and contractors are responsible for communicating the suspected discovery of Aboriginal heritage.

On the suspected discovery of Aboriginal heritage (other than skeletal remains), all works must stop at that location, the Site Supervisor is to be advised immediately, and the Site Supervisor will notify the MPDC Project Manager immediately. Notification of the Site Supervisor may occur verbally.

The Site Supervisor will contact the archaeologist and AHO who will inspect the item and determine if it is Aboriginal heritage. Where it is determined to be Aboriginal heritage, the archaeologist is to notify Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania in writing as soon as practicable, and no later than 48 hours after the suspected relic is discovered.

Where the unanticipated discovery relates to suspected skeletal material all works must stop at that location, the person who believes they have uncovered the suspected skeletal remains are to immediately notify the police or coroner verbally, and to be followed up at the direction of the police or coroner.

2.3 Discovery of suspected Aboriginal heritage material (other than skeletal material)

Failure to comply with this procedure will be a breach of the Order.

Step	Reason for Action	What you must do	Who is responsible	Key rule
1. Stop work	Any suspected Aboriginal heritage material	- Stop all work immediately in the immediate area. Do not touch, move or interfere with anything. - Notify the Site Supervisor.	All workers	Treat all suspected material as Aboriginal heritage until assessed.
2. Set up exclusion zone	Any suspected Aboriginal heritage material	- Establish an exclusion zone with minimum 10m buffer around the area. - Clearly demarcate the area to exclude unauthorised entry. i.e., with 'no unauthorised entry' signage on all sides. - Shut down or move machinery away. - Work may continue outside the buffer.	Site supervisor	No disturbance inside the exclusion zone.
3. Notify	Any suspected Aboriginal heritage material	- The Site Supervisor is to notify the MPDC project manager immediately. - Notify the Project nominated Archaeologist and Aboriginal Heritage Officer ('AHO').	Site Supervisor	Notification must be immediate.
4. Specialist assessment	Material within exclusion zone	Archaeologist and AHO inspect the find and assess whether it is an Aboriginal relic under the Act.	Archaeologist and AHO	Workers must not re-enter the zone.
5. Notify AHT	Confirmed or likely Aboriginal heritage	- Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania (AHT) must be notified via email (aboriginal@heritage.tas.gov.au) as soon as practicable and within 48 hours of Aboriginal heritage being confirmed. - Completed site recording is to be submitted to the Aboriginal Heritage Register, including location, photos and description in accordance with the Aboriginal Heritage Standards & Procedures.	Archaeologist / AHO / Project Manager or nominated delegate	48-hour maximum reporting timeframe.
6. Management decision	After assessment	Determine handling having regard to advice from AHO and AHT.	Archaeologist and AHO	No work resumes until advice is given by AHO and AHT.

Step	Reason for Action	What you must do	Who is responsible	Key rule
7. Record	All discoveries	Record the discovery and actions taken in the site diary and project records.	Site supervisor / Project team to notify MPDC Project Manager	Documentation is to be prepared and provided to the MPDC Project Manager for record keeping.

2.4 Discovery of suspected skeletal material

Failure to comply with this procedure will be a breach of the Order.

Step	Reason for Action	What you must do	Who is responsible	Key rule
1. Stop work immediately	Human skeletal material, cremations, burials	- Stop all work immediately. Do not touch, move, impact or interfere with anything. - Contact Tasmanian Police 131 444. - Notify Site Supervisor.	All workers	Work must stop straight away. Police to be contacted.
2. Treat as a crime scene	Any suspected human remains	- Treat the area as a potential crime scene. - Do not interfere with the site in any way.	All workers	No disturbance is permitted.
3. Set up exclusion zone	Discovery location	- Establish an exclusion zone with minimum 50m buffer around the area (or as directed by police/coroner). - Clearly demarcate the area to exclude unauthorised entry, i.e., with no unauthorised entry signage on all sides.	Site supervisor	50 m buffer unless directed otherwise by the Tasmanian Police or Coroner.
4. Notify Internal Proponent Requirement. Not a requirement of the Order.	As soon as remains are suspected	Site Supervisor to immediately notify MPDC Project Manager to confirm location.	Site supervisor / Project Manager or nominated delegate	MPDC Project Manager to be notified.
5. Investigation of the area	During investigation	Maintain the exclusion zone. No work may recommence within the exclusion zone until formal clearance is given by police, the coroner and relevant heritage authorities.	Site supervisor	Area remains closed until cleared.

Step	Reason for Action	What you must do	Who is responsible	Key rule
6. Management decision	After authorities assess remains	- Follow instructions from authorities to comply with relevant legislation. - On removal of the remains, advice should be sought from the archaeologist/AHO on the remnant archaeological potential of the area and before works recommence.	Authorities	Only resume work when authorised.
7. Record	All discoveries	Record the discovery and actions taken in the site diary and project records.	Site supervisor / Project team to notify MPDC Project Manager	Documentation is to be prepared and provided to the MPDC Project Manager for record keeping.

2.5 Collection and Storage of Relics

Condition 3, AH2 allows for the archaeologist and AHO to collect and store relics observed on the Project land only after seeking the advice from AHT. Relics may not be collected without AHT consultation.

The following is the two-step process for collection and storage of artefacts found on site:

1. All Aboriginal cultural material must be recorded *in situ* (by the archaeologist using dGPS or, alternatively by a registered surveyor) wherever practicable (some material may be found during sieving in accordance with s.5.3.5 of the Order Schedule 4 Archaeological Method Statement¹). Recording is to be in accordance with the Aboriginal Heritage Standards and Procedures. Material will be collected in a controlled manner by the AHO and/or the archaeologist. This will involve initially bagging the item/s and labelling the bag (in permanent ink) with the location, context description, date collected and any other location or relevant information.
2. Collected material must be clearly catalogued by the archaeologist and/or AHO, in accordance with the separate Archaeological Method Statement² containing the archaeological procedures. All artefacts are to be separately labelled, securely stored on site within an appropriate vessel (secure plastic tub or archive box), and fully documented (within a excel spreadsheet specifically set up for this purpose and maintained by the archaeologist and circulated to the Site Supervisor, MPDC Project Manager and AHT) to maintain traceability. Collected artefacts are to remain on site in securely locked premises.

Condition 4, A3 provides that:

Any subsequent relocation of a relic from Project land, including the relic's use for interpretive purposes, must be consistent with advice provided by the Aboriginal Heritage Council as a result of consultation with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

Condition 5, A4 provides that:

Consultation with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community, as referenced in condition AH3 –

- (a) Is the responsibility of the Proponent; and
- (b) Must be completed no later than one year after the completion of the Project.

¹ Latitude Heritage, Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium, Hobart – Kings Yard Archaeological Method Statement, Version 02, 26 June 2026

² Latitude Heritage, 26 June 2026