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Heritage surveys

Information for landholders

Territory Energy Link is undertaking heritage surveys along the proposed infrastructure corridor to help inform project planning and protect places and objects of cultural and historical significance.

These surveys are a routine part of planning major infrastructure projects and are expected to have minimal impact on day-to-day property operations.



What will the surveys involve?

Specialist heritage consultants will walk along much of the proposed corridor, looking for evidence of Aboriginal and European heritage.

This may include:

- Aboriginal artefacts such as stone tools, artefact scatters and other evidence of past cultural activity.
- Historical items such as old stockyards, building remains, machinery, graves or other features associated with the Territory's pastoral and settlement history.

The surveys will primarily involve visual inspections, with items of interest identified and recorded for further assessment where required.

What can landholders expect?

- Survey teams will coordinate property access with landholders in advance.
- Most activities will be undertaken on foot, with light vehicles used for access.
- Existing tracks will be used wherever practical.
- Survey teams will follow property access, biosecurity and safety requirements.
- Activities will be planned to minimise disruption to livestock and normal property operations.

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What happens if something is found?

Finding a heritage item does not automatically mean there will be changes to how a property can be used. If something of potential significance is identified, heritage specialists will record and assess the finding to determine whether any further investigation or protection measures are needed.

Depending on the nature and significance of the finding, measures may include:

- Recording the location and details of an item or site.
- Avoiding the area during future project activities.
- Adjusting the proposed corridor alignment or planned works to minimise impacts.

The priority is to identify heritage values early so they can be appropriately managed as the project progresses. Where findings have potential implications for landholders, the project team will discuss these directly with them.

How are Aboriginal Sacred Sites protected?

Territory Energy Link has worked with the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority, which has issued Authority Certificates setting out conditions for the project's proposed activities. These certificates help ensure sacred sites are protected during investigations. The heritage surveys are a separate process to identify and assess Aboriginal archaeological and historical heritage.

Keeping landholders informed

Territory Energy Link will continue working directly with landholders to coordinate access and minimise disruption throughout the survey program.



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