

Appendix 2

Griffith – Heritage Sites

The proposal involves the construction of a solar farm and connection to the nearby substation with an overhead or underground powerline. The development would extend across most of the approximately 125 hectare property, however soil disturbance would be relatively discrete, with no levelling of the array areas proposed. The impact is likely to be most extensive where earthworks occur and would involve the removal, breakage or displacement of artefacts. This is considered a direct impact on the site and the Aboriginal objects by the development in its present form.

The impact to the scientific values if the artefacts were to be impacted by the current proposal is considered low to moderate. The site is very disturbed, with little research value apart from what has already been gained from the information obtained during the present assessment. This information relates more to the presence of the site and in the development of Aboriginal site modelling, which has largely now been realised by the recording. The integrity of the site is already low and any additional disturbance is therefore unlikely to make a meaningful difference to the status of the site.

Proposals classified as SSD or State Significant Infrastructure under the EP&A Act have a different assessment regime. As part of this process, Section 90 harm provisions under the NPW Act are not required, that is, an AHIP is not required to impact Aboriginal objects.

SITES

- The sites are located along the North East boundary of the development area.
- All sites must have a 20m buffer zone applied (fencing and signage) until such time as the artefacts are relocated in accordance with DA condition 21.
- The locations of the sites within the development area have been provided by NGH Environmental as a KML file.
- All employees will be made aware of the location of the sites through site inductions, prestarts and toolbox talks.
- In the unlikely event that human remains are discovered during the construction, all work must cease. OEH, the local police and Griffith LALC (GRIFFITH) should be notified. Further assessment would be undertaken to determine if the remains were Aboriginal or nonAboriginal. Chance Finds Protocol (Appendix 5) must be followed.



Figure 3: Heritage sites – Griffith (Refer to Figure 4 for reference to proposed site)



Figure 4 – Griffith General Layout