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# National Radioactive Waste Management Facility

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## Heritage at Napandee and Lyndhurst

### Preliminary cultural heritage report for Napandee and Lyndhurst completed

Napandee and Lyndhurst have been nominated as potential sites to host the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

While Native Title on both of the sites has been extinguished, an assessment has been commissioned to look at cultural heritage on the nominated parcels of land.

Expert heritage consultants from RPS were engaged by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science to conduct an independent desktop

assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage within Napandee and Lyndhurst. The assessment confirms there are no registered heritage sites within or surrounding the Lyndhurst or Napandee study sites although unregistered heritage sites may exist.

Heritage assessments will continue at both sites with the department and heritage consultants, working with the Traditional Owners to determine if there is unregistered heritage that could be impacted by a Facility, should the project proceed.



This document is part of a series of factsheets providing information on the process to site the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

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## Heritage value areas

The RPS study found that archaeological research within the area is limited, and no sites registered on the central Archive Register of Aboriginal Sites were identified within a 10 kilometre radius from either the Napandee or Lyndhurst sites.

Predictive landscape mapping identified features of the land that have potential for unlisted or unregistered Aboriginal sites. Analysis indicates there are features present at each site that could contain archaeological deposits.

These results provide a starting point for future archaeological investigation, and will aid in developing strategies of minimising the potential impact of the Facility on the area's heritage, should either of the sites proceed.

## What does this mean for the sites at Kimba?

If either site at Kimba is selected to host the Facility, the Australian Government will continue to seek the involvement of the local Barngarla community in all future stages of the project.

Additional opportunities exist to record oral histories and accounts that may not have otherwise been recorded.

The project presents the opportunity for the Barngarla community to guide exhibition of local cultural heritage values for the benefit of the wider community, as part of the Facility's visitor centre.

More information on the benefits of hosting the Facility can be found in the *Community benefits* factsheet, available at [www.radioactivewaste.gov.au](http://www.radioactivewaste.gov.au).



## Continuing to look after heritage

If either site at Kimba is selected to host the Facility, an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan will be developed.

The management plan would be informed by a cultural heritage assessment and consultation with the Barngarla community. This document would provide guiding principles to manage the cultural heritage values of the area.

The management plan would be continually developed, in consultation with the Barngarla community, throughout construction, and during the life of the Facility.

Protecting heritage is important to us. We will continue to seek the engagement of the Barngarla community in the assessment process.