

Heritage Agreements – Government Yamatji Nation Indigenous Land Use Agreement

Aboriginal Heritage
Protection

Clear processes

Full disclosure of
activities

Relationship building

What is in the package?

The Agreement provides for the recognition, protection and preservation of Yamatji Heritage. It includes a requirement for Government and Government proponents to enter into Heritage Agreements, if they intend to undertake activities within the Agreement area.

What does the Agreement say?

- » Upon conclusive registration, State and Government proponents intending to undertake any activity in the Agreement area must enter into a Yamatji Government Standard Heritage Agreement (YGSHA) with the Regional Corporation.
- » The YGSHA sets out the processes that must be followed to find out whether a heritage survey is required, including when and if an Activity Notice is required.
- » The Government Party must provide the Corporation with information about any activity that will be undertaken in the Agreement area in the following six months. This includes minor impact activities.
- » The Regional Corporation will determine if there are cultural heritage concerns. If there are, the Regional Corporation may require that the Government Party submit an Activity Notice even if the activities proposed are minor impact activities for which an Activity Notice would not normally be required.
- » The information provided in Activity Notices will be used by the Regional Corporation to decide whether or not an Aboriginal Heritage Survey is required.
- » If the Regional Corporation and Government Party agree that a survey is required, the Government Party must follow the processes for planning, methodology and payment, outlined in the YGSHA.
- » The Government Party may carry out its activities without a survey, if the Regional Corporation agrees in writing, waives its rights to require the survey or agrees to the engagement of Yamatji Monitors.

More about the YGSHA?

- » The purpose of the Agreement is to facilitate a good relationship between the Regional Corporation and Government proponents.
- » The Agreement can be modified in line with proposed changes to the Aboriginal Heritage Act, if required.