



Environmental impact assessment topics

The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) includes a range of detailed technical studies in accordance with the EIS Guidelines set by the Environment Minister. You can read, review, and provide a submission on these studies, which are outlined in the draft EIS.



Heritage

Potential impacts associated with the project on Aboriginal and historic (non-Aboriginal) heritage were considered. The assessment was informed by desktop assessments alongside engagement with First Nations knowledge holders and stakeholders.

An assessment of potential heritage impacts associated with the project can be found in:

- Chapter 17 of the draft EIS
- Technical paper 9 (Heritage)

Key findings

- The proposed flight paths would fly over a number of culturally significant sites and places. However, in many cases, flight paths from existing airports already traverse the airspace above these sites and places.
- In general, WSI aircraft would be at a height and distance from these sites and places that any potential impact from aircraft would be minimal.
- Aircraft overflight and noise intrusion could significantly impact the Aboriginal cultural values of Bents Basin and the Shaw's Creek-Yellomundee Aboriginal Place.
- Options will be explored during the detailed design phase to reduce impacts to these and other culturally significant sites, where safe and feasible to do so.



Bents Basin State Conservation Area, Nepean River (Image: Kevin McGrath/DPE)