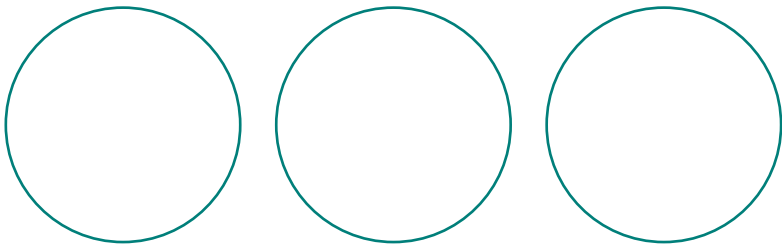


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## CULTURAL HERITAGE



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# 17 CULTURAL HERITAGE

*Section 17 of the Ensham Central Project Environmental Impact Statement outlined the status of the Ensham Central Project Aboriginal heritage issues and presented the results of a non-Aboriginal heritage assessment. This section updates the status of the Revised Central Area Mining Methodology Aboriginal heritage issues and non-Aboriginal heritage assessment.*

## 17.1 ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

### 17.1.1 Management of Project Aboriginal Heritage

Cultural Heritage Management Plans (CHMPs) addressing the Ensham Central Project (ECP) and the Ensham Mine have been developed in accordance with the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (ACH Act)* with the following Aboriginal parties and approved by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water (now the Department of Environment and Resource Management):

- Garingbal and Kara Kara (mine and project areas south of the Nogoia River); and
- Kangoulu People (mine and project areas north of the Nogoia River).

Overall, the level of potential disturbance of Aboriginal cultural heritage associated with the Revised Central Area Mining Methodology (RCAMM) is reduced compared to the ECP Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) mining methodology due to the removal of approximately 830 ha of open cut mining from the central floodplain area.

The impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage associated with the RCAMM will be managed in accordance with the approved CHMPs. This will be conducted in consultation with the relevant Aboriginal parties and in accordance with the established management practices specified in the approved CHMPs.

## 17.2 NON-ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

### 17.2.1 Introduction

The ECP EIS non-Aboriginal heritage survey identified a single site of local historical heritage significance in the project area. This was the original *Duckponds* homestead and associated stockyards. The *Duckponds* homestead and its associated stockyards remain within the footprint of proposed open cut mining operations and will be removed in advance of mining. In order to mitigate the loss of the homestead, the ECP EIS proposed that a record of the *Duckponds* homestead and its associated stockyards be compiled prior to its removal. The record was to comprise a scaled plan of the house and stockyards and a comprehensive photographic record, and was to be provided to the local historical society. This mitigation work has already been completed and a report has been provided to the local historical society. There are therefore no further mitigation measures necessary for the RCAMM.