



ACT Heritage Council

Entry to the ACT Heritage Register

Heritage Act 2004

20121. Aboriginal Place – Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve

Block 240

District of Paddy's River

This entry which was previously part of the old heritage places or the old heritage objects registers (as defined in the *Heritage Act 2004*), as the case may be, is taken to be registered under the *Heritage Act 2004*.

Conservation Requirements (including Specific Requirements), as defined under the *Heritage Act 2004*, that are contained within this document are taken to be Heritage Guidelines applying to this place or object, as the case may be.

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**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
INTERIM HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER**

For the purposes of s. 58(2) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act* 1991, an interim listing for the following place has been prepared by the ACT Heritage Council, for the purpose of including an

Aboriginal Place in Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve

In an interim Heritage Places Register.

Copies of the interim listing are available for inspection at ACT Public Libraries and at all ACT Government Shopfronts.

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IDENTIFICATION OF THE PLACE:

District of Paddys River, the place comprises an Aboriginal site within part of Block 240 as identified in Figure 1 (*see attached map*) and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay -----.

The ACT Standard Metric Grid 1:10 000 scale, co-ordinate locations for the places are held within a database of ACT site locations. The 1:10 000 grid co-ordinates are restricted information under s.82 of the Act.

FEATURES INTRINSIC TO THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PLACE.

The place comprises:

1. Aboriginal skeletal remains within a cultural deposit and including a surrounding buffer area and any further concealed Aboriginal cultural remains that may lie within the cultural deposit and buffer area.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

This site is a product of a way of life that is now no longer practised within the ACT. The skeletal remains in this locality demonstrate an aspect of traditional Aboriginal mortuary practice and relate to a special and significant use of this area by Aboriginal people in the past. Representatives of the Aboriginal Community have stated that they consider this site to be of particularly high cultural heritage value. Consequently they place a high priority on its protection and conservation.

Sites where Aboriginal burials have been discovered are very rare within the ACT and as part of a regional body of archaeological evidence with potential to inform about patterns of past Aboriginal cultural activities and settlement patterns, this site could also be considered to be of scientific significance.

CONSERVATION POLICY

The site of the Aboriginal human remains within Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve is to be conserved and appropriately maintained *in situ*, except in so far as special provision may be made for research, or necessary conservation actions. Any actions, including research that may affect the conservation of the site are to involve consultation with the Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations and the agreement of the Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal groups must be obtained prior to actions being undertaken.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ABORIGINAL PLACE IN TIDBINBILLA NATURE RESERVE

In accordance with S.54(1) of the Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991, the following requirements have been identified as essential to the conservation of the heritage significance of this Aboriginal heritage place.

1. Information regarding the description and specific location of the place is to be held in a database of ACT Aboriginal heritage sites.
2. The Aboriginal skeletal remains and any related surface artefacts that are currently on site are to be conserved *in situ*, unless a decision to the contrary is considered and agreed to by the Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations. Conservation *in situ* may include actions such as the addition of covering soil to conceal and/or stabilise the gravesite if advised by the relevant Aboriginal organisations and Heritage Council.
3. Proponents of development within the place are to be provided with information regarding the location, nature and significance of the Aboriginal site and alerted to the potential for development constraints.
4. Any proposed development, including landscaping, road works, and minor activities such as the passage of vehicles, fencing and vegetation clearance, or proposed research, that may potentially impact on the heritage significance of the Place shall be referred to the ACT Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations for consideration and advice.
5. If it is ever agreed that any cultural materials may be collected from the place, they are to be archived by the Heritage Unit pending the establishment of an Aboriginal Heritage Keeping Place.
6. If it is ever agreed that ground disturbance may occur in the location of the place, then works must be accompanied by full-time archaeological monitoring, carried out by a qualified archaeologist in consultation with relevant Aboriginal organisations.