

NOMINATION TO THE ACT HERITAGE REGISTER

Please note that the information below represents indicative heritage values only, and not the views of the ACT Heritage Council (the Council).

This nomination is yet to be assessed by the Council against the heritage significance criteria established under the Heritage Act 2004.

Acceptance of a nomination is a preliminary, threshold step and ought not to be taken as indicative of any particular outcome concerning the Council's assessment of the nomination.

Block 305 GUNGAHLIN Aboriginal Quarry, Mulligans Flat

The Mulligans Flat Aboriginal Quarry represents a fundamental aspect of a past Aboriginal lifestyle which is no longer practised within the ACT. The site illustrates a distinctive type of lithic exploitation and site use pattern in its evidence of stone source selection, extraction, and stages of reduction in the manufacturing of stone artefacts. It has a high artefact density, most likely the highest of any quarry site known in the ACT, and it is the most intact and undisturbed example of such a site. It is therefore, a highly notable example of such sites.

The quarry was a place that was frequently visited by Aboriginal people in the past and is considered by the local Aboriginal community to be highly significant as a place which displays evidence of their ancestors' way of life and traditions. The Mulligans Flat Aboriginal Quarry site provides a physical link to these people and to an aspect of their former lifestyle. As such the quarry provides a tangible element of the past human fabric of the ACT and district.

The site has a high educational value for the local Ngunawal people, to the wider population and to archaeological research as it has a strong potential to contribute significantly to a broader understanding of past Aboriginal life.