



ACT Heritage Council

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Heritage Act 2004

20118. Aboriginal Places – Bruce, Belconnen District

Parts of Section 5, Block 9; Section 32, Block 9; Section 85, Block 1 and Section 77

Bruce

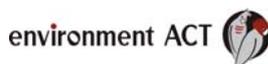
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**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
INTERIM HERITAGE PLACES REGISTER**

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

Aboriginal Places in the Suburb of Bruce, Belconnen District

- **Aboriginal Places in the Suburb of Bruce (8)**

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:

Suburb of Bruce, District of Belconnen, the places comprise 8 Aboriginal sites located within part of Blocks 9, Section 5; Block 9, Section 32, Block 1, Section 85 and part Section 77, Bruce, as identified in Figure 1 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 grid co-ordinates are restricted information under s.82 of the Act.

FEATURES INTRINSIC TO THE HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PLACES.

The places comprise:

1. 8 locations where Aboriginal flaked stone artefacts have been recorded (as specified in Schedule 2).

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

These sites are the product of a traditional way of life that is no longer practised within the ACT. The presence of artefact scatters in this locality demonstrates the occupation and use of the place by Aboriginal people, in the past.

Stone artefacts constitute an enduring record of Aboriginal technology and settlement patterns. Stone was a central resource in past Aboriginal economic systems, essential in their technological and day to day life. These sites do not present individually outstanding qualities since their condition and integrity has been reduced by post depositional factors and European landuse practices. However, they form part of a regional pattern of evidence documenting past Aboriginal landuse practices and settlement patterns. They are therefore considered to be of some, albeit low archaeological and Aboriginal cultural significance.

The individual artefacts at the sites have scientific and educational potential for the study of Aboriginal stone technology. Locational and descriptive information about them builds upon and complements the considerable body of archaeological research that exists for the Canberra region.

The ACT Aboriginal community considers any evidence of the occupation of the ACT by Aboriginal people to be significant. Aboriginal artefacts are considered to be of significance since they demonstrate past Aboriginal land use. Their protection, conservation and appropriate management is considered very important.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

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 Aboriginal heritage places. The requirements have been prepared to implement the following conservation policies that apply to the places. The applicable specific requirements for each identified heritage place are set out in Schedule 2.

GENERAL CONSERVATION POLICY

To conserve the variability, complexity and heritage significance of Aboriginal archaeological sites in the ACT in an appropriate manner. To manage areas that have potential to contain Aboriginal heritage sites, including areas in which archaeological survey has not yet been undertaken, in a way that permits the identification, significance assessment and conservation, where appropriate, of the Aboriginal cultural heritage resource.

SPECIFIC CONSERVATION POLICY

The artefact sites at Bruce are to be managed in accordance with their individual archaeological and Aboriginal cultural heritage significance.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ABORIGINAL PLACES IN THE SUBURB OF BRUCE, DISTRICT OF BELCONNEN:

In accordance with s.54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, a range of requirements has been identified as essential to the conservation of Aboriginal Heritage places. These are listed in Schedule 1, below:

Schedule 2 lists the specific requirements applying to the individual Aboriginal heritage places in the Suburb of Bruce, Belconnen District.

SCHEDULE 1.

- A1** Information regarding the description and specific location of the place is to be held in a database of ACT Aboriginal heritage sites.
- A2** Proponents of development within the place are to be provided with information regarding the location, nature and significance of the Aboriginal site/s and alerted to the potential for development constraints.
- A3** Any proposed development, including landscape work 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.
- A4** Any proposed development, including landscape work that may potentially impact on the heritage significance of the place shall be in accordance with a Conservation and Management Plan endorsed by the Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations
- A5** Educational and presentational options for the places shall be considered by the ACT Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations on the basis of whether sufficient information is provided about their impacts and potential impacts upon the places.
- A6** The 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.
- A7** The surface artefacts that are currently on site may either be left on site or be collected and appropriately archived in consultation with the Heritage Council and the relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- A8** Surface artefacts from the site may be collected by a qualified archaeologist in consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations, if advised by the Heritage Council following consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations.

- A9** Artefacts that are collected from the place are to be archived at the Heritage Unit pending establishment of an Aboriginal Heritage Keeping Place.
- A10** Ground disturbance in the location of the place must be accompanied by archaeological monitoring, carried out by a qualified archaeologist in consultation with relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- A11** The locations and descriptions of artefacts discovered during monitoring are to be added to the documentary record. Artefacts discovered during monitoring may either be left on site, or be collected and appropriately archived, according to the advice of the Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- A12** Should the program of research and/ or monitoring determine that there are no significant Aboriginal archaeological materials present in the identified place then the interim Heritage Places Register entry for the place is to be amended appropriately, following consultation with the Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- A13** Ground disturbance related to development activity within the place must either be preceded by a program of archaeological research or be accompanied by a program of archaeological monitoring, according to the advice of the Heritage Council in consultation with the relevant Aboriginal organisations. The program of archaeological research should be designed to determine the extent and significance of the deposit and should make recommendations regarding the appropriate management and/or conservation of the place. It may include subsurface testing of deposits, at a scale and in locations recommended by the Heritage Council, in consultation with relevant Aboriginal organisations. Monitoring must be undertaken by a qualified archaeologist in consultation with relevant Aboriginal organisations.
- A14** The significance of any cultural deposits discovered are to be reassessed following the program of research or during monitoring and if required, appropriate management actions or new specific requirements for the place are to be added to the entry for the place in the interim Heritage Places Register.
- A15** Following collection of artefacts from the site in accordance with Specific Requirements A7 or A8 or agreement by the Heritage Council and relevant Aboriginal organisations that the artefacts are to be left on site, without further action, in accordance with Specific Requirement A7, and their archiving in accordance with Specific Requirement A9, then only Specific Requirement A1 shall apply to the place.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

Applicable specific requirements for the individual Aboriginal Heritage places are set out in Schedule 2 below:

| SCHEDULE 2 | | | |
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| Site Description | <i>Location</i> | Specific Requirements (as per Schedule 1) | |
| <p>Bruce Site 1 An occupation site where 6 flaked stone artefacts are located in a partially revegetated grader scrape on the south facing mid slopes of a knoll. The artefacts occur over an area of 7 by 3 metres. The artefacts appear to originate from within a shallow soil overlying a resistant band of outcropping cobbles and gravels. The site is referred to as Bruce Site 1(BS1) in a report prepared by Navin and Officer (1994).</p> | <p><i>part Block 9, Section 5, Bruce</i></p> | <p>A1, A2, A3, A8,A9, A11,</p> | |
| <p>Bruce Site 2 An occupation site where a single flaked stone artefact is located. The site is referred to as Site 2 in a report prepared by Behr (1992).</p> | <p>Part Block 1, Section 85, Bruce</p> | <p>A1,A2,A3, A8,A9,A11, A15</p> | |
| <p><i>Bruce Site 3</i> An occupation site where a single stone artefact consisting of part of a volcanic cobble/hammerstone is located. The site is referred to as Site 3 in a report prepared by Behr (1992) and is presumed to be in an area that is already developed.</p> | <p>Part Section 77</p> | <p>A1</p> | |
| <p><i>Bruce Site 4</i> An occupation site where 6 flaked stone artefacts are recorded, revealed in a man made cutting which has exposed bedrock. The site is referred to as Site 4 in a report prepared by Behr (1992).</p> | <p>Part Block 1, Section 85, Bruce</p> | <p>A1,A2,A3,A8,A9,A11, A15</p> | |
| <p><i>Bruce Site 5</i> An occupation site where a single artefact is located, in an area disturbed by rabbit activity and subsequent ripping for rabbit eradication. The site is referred to as Site 5 in the report prepared by Behr (1992).</p> | <p>Part Block 1, section 85, Bruce</p> | <p>A1,A2,A3,A8,A9,A11, A15</p> | |

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| <p>Bruce Site 6</p> <p>An occupation site where a single flaked stone artefact has been located, on top of a flat ridge leading down to a spur. The site location has been disturbed by rabbit activity and subsequent ripping. The site is referred to as Site 1 in the report prepared by Behr (1992).</p> | <p>Part Block 1, Section 85, Bruce</p> | <p>A1,A2,A3,A8,A9,A11, A15</p> | |
| <p>Bruce Site 7</p> <p>An occupation site where a single flaked stone artefact is located in a disused vehicle track on the northwest upper slopes of a hill top knoll. The site is referred to as Isolated Find 1 in a report prepared by Navin and Officer (1994).</p> | <p>Part Block 9, Section 5, Bruce</p> | <p>A1,A2,A3,A8,A9,A11, A15</p> | |
| <p>Bruce Site 8</p> <p>An occupation site where a surface scatter of six flaked stone artefacts is exposed in a stock track on the mid slopes of a low spur. The artefacts appear to originate from within a thin soil overlying decomposing bedrock. The site is referred to as Site 8 in a report prepared by Navin and Officer (2000).</p> | <p>Part Block 1, Section 85, Bruce</p> | <p>A1,A2,A3,A8,A9,A11, A15</p> | |