6.5 UNEXPECTED FINDS PROTOCOL – ABORIGINAL AND NON-ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

In the event that surface disturbance identifies a new Aboriginal object:

(a) all works must halt in the immediate area to prevent any further impacts to the object(s);

(b) a suitably qualified archaeologist and the registered Aboriginal representatives must be contacted to determine the significance of the objects;

(c) the site is to be registered in the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) which is managed by Heritage NSW under Department of Premier and Cabinet and the management outcome for the site included in the information provided to AHIMS;

(d) the Applicant must consult with the Aboriginal community representatives, the archaeologists and Heritage NSW to develop and implement management strategies for all objects/sites;

(e) the unexpected finds protocol is to be updated to reflect that any unexpected finds should be managed in accordance with the relevant conditions of AHIP 3849;and

(f) works may only recommence with the written approval of the Planning Secretary.

If any unexpected archaeological relics are uncovered during the work, then:

(a) all works must cease immediately in that area and notice is to be given to Heritage NSW and the Planning Secretary;

(b) depending on the possible significance of the relics, an archaeological assessment and management strategy may be required before further works can continue in that area as determined in consultation with Heritage NSW; and

(c) works may only recommence with the written approval of the Planning Secretary.