

# Planning and Development (Conditional Environmental Significance Opinion – Block 1633, Belconnen – West Belconnen Trunk Sewer Geotechnical Investigation) Notice 2017 (No 2)

Notifiable Instrument NI2017–526

Made under the

Planning and Development Act 2007 s 138AD (Requirements in relation to environmental significance opinions)

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## 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Planning and Development (Conditional Environmental Significance Opinion – Block 1633, Belconnen – West Belconnen Trunk Sewer Geotechnical Investigation) Notice 2017 (No 2)*.

## 2 Conditional Environmental Significance Opinion

(1) On 26 September 2017, the ACT Heritage Council, pursuant to section 138AB(4) of the *Planning and Development Act 2007* (the **Act**), gave the Applicant a conditional environmental significance opinion in relation to the drilling of eight boreholes as part of geotechnical investigations for the proposed West Belconnen trunk sewer, on Block 1633, District of Belconnen.

(2) In this section:

***Conditional environmental significance opinion*** means the opinion in the schedule.

*Note* Under section 138AD(6) of the Act, the conditional environmental significance opinion and this notice expire 18 months after the day the notice is notified.

Ben Ponton  
Chief Planning Executive  
12 October 2017



## ACT Heritage Council

# HERITAGE ADVICE

## *Environmental Significance Opinion*

ACTPLA Reference: 201700007  
Heritage Reference: Belconnen-B1633  
Contact Officer: Richard Hekimian  
Received by Council: 4 September 2017  
Due date: 18 October 2017

**TO:** ACT planning and land authority  
Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate  
[EPDCustomer Services@act.gov.au](mailto:EPDCustomerServices@act.gov.au)

Block:	Section:	Division / District:	Heritage Place:
1633		Belconnen	RC29

Status of Place: Registered Heritage Place  
Description of Works: Geotechnical Investigation, Proposed Trunk Sewer - The drilling of eight boreholes to 25m depth, using auger drilling and diamond rock coring techniques.  
Report Details: *Geotechnical Testing Locations: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (Past Traces May 2017)*  
Council Advice provided by: Secretary / ACT Heritage Manager

Pursuant to Section 138AB of the *Planning and Development Act 2007* and Section 60 of the *Heritage Act 2004*, the ACT Heritage Council advises that:

The proposal is **unlikely to have a significant adverse environmental impact**, subject to compliance with the conditions described below.

### Background:

On 4 September 2017 the ACT Planning Authority referred the Environmental Significance Opinion (ESO) S211 Exemption from EIS Proposal number 201700007 for "Geotechnical Investigation, Proposed Trunk Sewer - The drilling of eight boreholes to 25m depth, using auger drilling and diamond rock coring techniques" to the ACT Heritage Council.

The application relates to proposed geotechnical boreholes within Rural Block 1633, Belconnen; required to investigate the alignment of a sewer proposed as part of Stage 2 offsite works for the Ginninderry development in West Belconnen. It is supported by a Cultural Heritage Assessment (CHA) prepared by Past Traces in May 2017. The CHA was endorsed by the ACT Heritage Council (the Council) on 20 July 2017 with the following conditions:


1. Borehole 3 is to be located at MGA 680564, 6099062; and no works or related activities - such as parking of vehicles - are to occur within 20 metres of RC29;
2. Prior to the commencement of works at Borehole 3, temporary protective fencing is to be installed around RC29 to clearly demarcate RC29 to work personnel as an 'exclusion zone'; and
3. The presence of a heritage exclusion zone is to be identified to work personnel prior to the commencement of works are part of the work induction.

The Council notes that the ESO application has incorporated condition 1 by moving Borehole 3 to the new coordinates and mapping the work zone as a minimum of 20m away from RC29.

**Advice and Conditions:**

As noted in the previous advice of 20 July 2017 endorsing the CHA, the proposal is unlikely to have a significant adverse environmental impact on existing heritage sites as borehole locations have been selected to be a minimum of 20m from known locations and due to the low impact of works combined with low to moderate archaeological potential for those areas. This advice is predicated on the recommendations of the CHA and the conditions noted in the 20 July 2017, also identified as ESO conditions, being:

1. Prior to the commencement of works at Borehole 3, temporary protective fencing is to be installed around RC29 to clearly demarcate RC29 to work personnel as an 'exclusion zone';
2. The presence of a heritage exclusion zone is to be identified to work personnel prior to the commencement of works are part of the work induction; and
3. Should Aboriginal places or objects be encountered during works, the 'Unanticipated Discovery Plan' in Appendix 2 will be implemented, to ensure that works cease to allow for heritage assessment, and that any *Heritage Act 2004* approvals for works to continue are obtained.

  
Jennifer O'Connell  
**Secretary (as delegate for),  
ACT Heritage Council**

26 September 2017