

HERITAGE SCREENER RECOMMENDATION GUIDE

The Heritage Screener includes a set of recommendations to the applicant based on whether an impact on heritage resources is anticipated. One of three possible recommendations is formulated:

(1) No further heritage work is recommended for the proposed development.

This recommendation is made when:

- enough work has been undertaken in the area
- it is the professional opinion of CTS that the area has already been assessed adequately from a heritage perspective for the type of development proposed
- the area has been adequately characterised as devoid of significant heritage resources
- the proposed development interventions will be minimal, and impact to significant heritage resources is highly unlikely
- the site context is sufficiently degraded that impact to significant heritage resources is highly unlikely

(2) Further specific heritage work is recommended for the proposed development.

This recommendation is made in instances in which there are already some studies undertaken in the area and/or in the adjacent area for the proposed development, but it is the professional opinion of CTS that:

- the heritage resources and the area proposed for development are only partially recorded
- the surveys undertaken in the area have not adequately captured the heritage resources
- there are sites which require mitigation or management plans

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Further studies in a limited HIA may include:

- improvement on some components of the heritage assessments already undertaken, for instance with a renewed field survey and/or with a specific specialist for the type of heritage resources expected in the area
- compilation of a report for a component of a heritage impact assessment not already undertaken in the area
- undertaking mitigation measures requested in previous assessments/records of decision.

(3) A full Heritage Impact Assessment with a detailed field component is recommended for the proposed development.

This recommendation is made when:

- the heritage resources within the area proposed for the development have not yet been adequately surveyed
- few or no surveys have been undertaken in the area proposed for development
- impact to significant heritage resources is highly likely

Note:

The responsibility for generating a response detailing the requirements for the development lies with the heritage authority. However, since the methodology utilised for the compilation of the Heritage Screeners is thorough and consistent, contradictory outcomes to the recommendations made by CTS should rarely occur. Should a discrepancy arise, CTS will immediately take up the matter with the heritage authority to clarify the dispute.