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Dear David

Thank you for your central archives search request dated 11 Mar 2025. The search was based on the spatial file or coordinates provided. The search area is centred on the suburb of PORT WAKEFIELD. Your search reference is: 8925.

Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (AAR) advises you that it holds no records in its central archives for Aboriginal heritage within your search area.

The central archives are a non-exhaustive record of Aboriginal heritage in South Australia. You are advised that Aboriginal heritage (sites, objects, or remains) may exist within your search area, even though there is no record.

The *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (SA) (Act) protects all Aboriginal sites, objects, and remains, whether known or unknown, in South Australia from unauthorised impacts, and irrespective of whether they are recorded in the central archives.

Aboriginal Heritage Act

Under the Act, it is a criminal offence to excavate, damage, disturb, and/or interfere with Aboriginal heritage, or to remove it from South Australia, without authority.

Penalties include fines up to \$2 million for companies, fines up to \$250,000 and/or two years imprisonment for individuals, forfeiture of profits achieved by impacting heritage, orders to remediate damage caused, compensation orders to Traditional Owners, and more.

If an activity that you are planning is likely to impact Aboriginal heritage, you must first seek and achieve authorisation from the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (Minister) to do so. All authorisation requests are subject to public consultation and referral to the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee.

The Act requires that all suspected Aboriginal heritage discoveries are reported to the Minister via AAR as soon practicable. Significant penalties apply for a failure to report.

This letter does not address any potential obligations under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), such as a requirement for an Indigenous Land Use Agreement. Please note that neither native title bodies nor Traditional Owners can authorise impacts to Aboriginal heritage in South Australia - only the Minister can do so in accordance with the Act.

For further information about the Act, AAR's role, and applying for authorisations to impact Aboriginal heritage, please refer to AAR's website:

[About Aboriginal heritage in South Australia | Attorney-General's Department](#)

Aboriginal consultation

The following Aboriginal parties have a known or expressed interest in Aboriginal heritage in your search area:

Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation

Chairperson: Mitzi Nam

Address: C/- South Australian Native Title Services Level 6, 27 Currie Street ADELAIDE SA 5000

Telephone:

Email: info@nativetitlesa.org

Contact Officer: Tom Jenkin

Telephone: 08 8110 2800

Email: tomj@nativetitlesa.org

You are strongly encouraged to consult with all the above parties about potential projects within your search area, particularly where ground-disturbing works are proposed. Early consultation with Aboriginal parties offers you an opportunity to:

- learn more about Aboriginal heritage that may exist within your search area
- minimise any chance of a breach of the Act
- design projects in a way that avoid any impacts to Aboriginal heritage
- minimise project costs and delays.

For further information or to report the discovery of suspected Aboriginal heritage, please call (08) 8429 9400 or email aar.conservation@sa.gov.au.

To discuss this letter, or to request further information, please contact AAR's Heritage Information Team on (08) 7133 8855 or via email at AAR.HeritageSites@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

**HERITAGE INFORMATION TEAM
ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS & RECONCILIATION**