Sydney Airport
Heritage Management standard

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Related Policies

ENV-OV-E4-1-001 Environmental Management Overview

ENV-ST-E4-6-001 Biodiversity Management Standard

Sydney Airport Environment Strategy

Sydney Airport Ecological Assessment

Sydney Airport Heritage Figs Assessment and Tree Management Plan

Sydney Airport Landscaping Policy

Sydney Airport Standard Operating Procedures (Airfield Operations, Section 5)

Sydney Airport Vegetation Management Plan

Relevant Legislation and Standards

Airports Act 1996

Airports Regulations 1997

Airports (Environment Protection) Regulations 1997

Australian Heritage Council Act 2003

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2000 (Schedule 7B)

Heritage Act 1977

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974

1. What is the purpose of this standard?

Places of cultural significance can provide a sense of connection to community and landscape. They are historical records, that are important expressions of Australian identity and experience. Places of cultural significance reflect the previous lives of a place and the past that has formed that community and landscape. These places of cultural significance must be conserved for present and future generations in accordance with the principle of inter-generational equity.

The purpose of this standard is to prescribe the required management protocols to prevent any unapproved impact on Heritage sites across Sydney Airport

2. Who does this policy apply to?

This standard applies to:

- all Sydney Airport Workers, which, for the purposes of this standard, includes all full-time, part-time, casual and temporary employees, in-house contractors and consultants
- all Tenants, which, for the purposes of this standard, includes any party who holds an active tenancy or lease agreement with Sydney Airport and those employed or contracted by the lease holder or tenant
- all Contractors which, for the purposes of this standard, includes any party who holds a contract to undertake works on behalf of Sydney Airport and those employed or contracted by the contracted party

3. Roles and Responsibilities

Sydney Airport Environment Team:
Responsible for review and update of the management plans and approving heritage requirements associated with future development.

Sydney Airport Planning Team
Responsible for including heritage requirements in development and future use planning processes.

Sydney Airport Design Team:
Responsible for including heritage considerations and potential impacts in design processes.

Sydney Airport Facilities Management Team:
Responsible for maintaining heritage sites to minimise degradation of heritage values.

Sydney Airport Project Teams:
Responsible for implementing heritage requirements in the design, procurement and construction processes for new developments.

4. What is required under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act?

The *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) is used to protect places of significant natural or cultural heritage value which are owned or controlled by the Commonwealth. Sydney Airport should work with the Airport Environment Officer (AEO) in identifying, assessing, monitoring and managing sites identified as having heritage value.

5. What is required under the Airports Act?

Heritage at Sydney Airport should be managed through compliance with the Airport Environment Strategy (AES), which outlines the requirements under the *Airports Act 1996* (Airports Act).

The Airports Act requires that a development that is likely to have significant environmental or ecological impact, to be classified as a Major Airport Development. To get to this point, a Heritage Impact Statement will need to be prepared, and if that report concludes there is a significant environmental impact, then a referral to the Commonwealth Minister of Development, Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development (the Minister) will be required for advice as to whether an Major Development Plan is required.

The Minister may also refer the proposed development to the Minister for the Environment and Energy for consideration under the EPBC Act.

6. What is the process for assigning heritage values?

Sites can have heritage significance for reasons other than historical values. The Heritage Act 2004 sets out the criteria used for assessing whether a place has heritage significance. These criteria include:

- aboriginal values
- ecological values
- creative achievement
- aesthetics
- social values

Evidence for each value should be considered by a consultant with the appropriate skills and knowledge. The evidence of these values may be included in the investigation and assessment, as long as they are adequately considered.

7. What heritage sites have been identified at Sydney Airport?

Individual buildings and other elements of the airport have been assigned a relative heritage value ranking. The ranking has regard to the Commonwealth Heritage values, and the contribution each element makes to the heritage value and significance of Sydney Airport as a whole.

Heritage Rankings		
Ranking	**Justification**	**Status**
Exceptional	Rare or outstanding elements that significantly embody and demonstrate Commonwealth Heritage values in their own right and demonstrate that they directly and irreplaceably contribute to a place's significance/value.	Fulfils criteria for heritage listing.
High	Elements that demonstrate Commonwealth Heritage values in their own right and demonstrate that they significantly contribute to the site's heritage value.	Fulfils criteria for heritage listing.
Moderate	Elements that demonstrate/reflect Commonwealth Heritage values and contribute to the overall significance/value of the place.	Fulfils criteria for heritage listing.
Little	Elements that reflect some heritage values but only contribute to the overall significance/value of the place in a minor way.	Does not fulfil criteria for heritage listing.
Neutral	Elements that do not reflect or demonstrate any Commonwealth Heritage values.	Does not fulfil criteria for heritage listing.

Based on heritage investigations at Sydney Airport, a list of built, landscape and archaeological elements have been assessed for their heritage value. These elements are considered to contribute to Commonwealth Heritage values within Sydney Airport and should be considered during the planning process for new developments.

Heritage elements within Sydney Airport	
Element	**Relative Heritage Ranking**
Keith Smith Avenue	Exceptional
Mill Pond	Exceptional
North–south and east–west runways	Exceptional
Southern Precinct	High
Botany Water Pumping Station and Chimney ruins	High
Engine Ponds	High
Fourth control tower, operations centre and services building	High
Sewage Pumping Station (SPS) 38	High
Southern and Western Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer (SWSOOS) 1 and 2	High
Viewlines—Public domain (see Figure 4.12)	High

Heritage elements within Sydney Airport	
Hangar 3	High
Former Civil Aviation Terminal and Control Tower	High
Jet Base	High
Hangar 96 (Jet Base)	High
Fifth control tower	High
Third runway	High
Lauriston Park Estate street layout	Moderate
Viewlines—Public—Take off/Landing	Moderate
Viewlines—Public—Arrival/Departure	Moderate
Alexandra Canal (section within the airport site)	Moderate
Fig trees (1-5 & 7–16)	Moderate
Hangar 13	Moderate
Wimbles Inks Factory group	Moderate
Building 108 (Wimbles Inks Factory group)	Moderate
Building 110 (Wimbles Inks Factory group)	Moderate
Building 111 (Wimbles Inks Factory group)	Moderate
Building 112 (Wimbles Inks Factory group)	Moderate
Building 113 (Wimbles Inks Factory group)	Moderate
Building 114 (Wimbles Inks Factory group)	Moderate
Hangar 20 (Jet Base)	Moderate
Hangar 131 (Jet Base)	Moderate
Jet test cell (Jet Base)	Moderate
Hangar 191 (Jet Base)	Moderate
Weather shelter and hangar (Jet Base)	Moderate
Fig tree (18)	Little
Building 109 (Wimbles Inks Factory group)	Little
Building 128 (Wimbles Inks Factory group)	Little
Building 143 (Wimbles Inks Factory group)	Little
Building 133 (Jet Base)	Little
Building 146 (Jet Base)	Little
Building 148 (Jet Base)	Little
Building 167 (Jet Base)	Little
Building 171 (Jet Base)	Little
Hangar 245 (Jet Base)	Little
Hangar 271 (Jet Base)	Little
Building 272 (Jet Base)	Little
Weather shelter (Jet Base)	Little
Workshop group (Jet Base)	Little

8. Is a Heritage Impact Assessment required?

The flow chart in **Appendix A** should be consulted to determine what level of heritage impact assessment is required for any proposed works. This is generally dependent on whether the works are likely to have a significant heritage impact, taking into account the relative heritage value of the element, it's tolerance for change and the nature of the works.

Heritage impact assessment may comprise preparation of an internal Heritage Impact Statement, appointment of a specialist consultant to prepare a Heritage Impact Statement or referral to the Minister for advice on whether a Major Development Plan is required.

9. What training is required for Heritage management?

The Planning, Development, Design, Environment, Construction and Facilities Management Teams should be trained in the requirements for heritage management.

10. Will this policy change?

Sydney Airport may change, replace or withdraw this policy at any time, both on an individual and collective basis.

11. What if I breach this policy?

Failure to adhere to this policy may result in disciplinary action, which may include termination of employment or engagement with Sydney Airport.

12. Appendix A- Heritage Assessment Flowchart

