

Preserving cultural heritage

The Department of Main Roads has established SAFELink Alliance to deliver the Ipswich Motorway Upgrade from Wacol to Darra. Construction is underway and is due for completion in December 2010.

Main Roads is committed to preserving both indigenous and non-indigenous cultural heritage along this stretch of the motorway through staff training, assessment and ongoing monitoring.

Cultural heritage

Cultural heritage is based on aspects of our past that we want to keep, appreciate, enjoy today and pass on to future generations.

We are taking the following steps to ensure the preservation of cultural heritage throughout the project area:

- » provision of cultural heritage induction programs for construction teams
- » ensuring all work is undertaken in accordance with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 and the Queensland Heritage Act 1992
- » working together with cultural heritage specialists, such as indigenous custodians and archaeologists.

Indigenous cultural heritage

Main Roads is working closely with the Jagera and Turrbal people, custodians of local Indigenous cultural heritage.



The cultural heritage significance of a place or an object means its aesthetic, historic, scientific or social significance, or other special value to the present community and future generations.

Representatives of these groups are helping to identify and monitor areas deemed sensitive for heritage values, and to provide inductions and training to project staff prior to the start of all construction activities.

The top 500 millimetres of soil are normally considered to have greater potential to contain indigenous heritage artefacts.

Monitoring will extend throughout the project area, with particular interest in the western side of the Centenary Highway Interchange, Bullockhead and Sandy Creeks and along the Ipswich Motorway.



Non-indigenous cultural heritage

Within the project area there are several non-indigenous sites of cultural significance:

- » Wacol Army Barracks
- » locations where unidentified materials were discarded in the project area.

In addition to these significant sites, excavation activities will be monitored to identify artefacts that may have been buried underground.



An example of a scar tree found in south east Queensland



An old toothpaste jar found on the construction site.

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