

# Heritage Agreements – Proponent Yamatji Nation Indigenous Land Use Agreement

Aboriginal Heritage  
Protection

Clear processes

Full disclosure of  
activities

Timely decisions

## What is in the package?

The Agreement provides for the recognition, protection and preservation of Yamatji Heritage.

## What does the Agreement say?

- » Following conclusive registration, the Minister for Mines and Petroleum will impose a condition on title for the grant of Mining, PGER or PP Titles in the Agreement area.
- » The condition will require proponents to take steps to enter into a Heritage Agreement with the Regional Corporation before exercising any rights that arise from a grant of title.
- » The agreement can be either an Aboriginal Heritage Agreement or a Yamatji Proponent Standard Heritage Agreement (YPSHA), as defined in the Yamatji Nation ILUA.
- » If the Regional Corporation does not either agree an Aboriginal Heritage Agreement or sign and return a YPSHA within 40 days of receiving it, proponents can exercise their tenement rights, as long as they provide a statutory declaration to the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety stating they have complied with the condition on title.
- » The YPSHA requires a proponent to provide the Corporation with information about any activity that will be undertaken in the Agreement area in the following six months. This includes minor impact activities.
- » The Regional Corporation will determine if there are cultural heritage concerns. If there are, the Regional Corporation may require that the proponent submit an Activity Notice even if the activities proposed are minor impact activities for which an Activity Notice would not normally be required.
- » The information provided in Activity Notices will be used by the Regional Corporation to decide whether or not an Aboriginal Heritage Survey is required.
- » If the Regional Corporation and proponent agree that a survey is required, the proponent must follow the processes for planning, methodology and payment, outlined in the YPSHA.
- » Proponents may carry out their activities without a survey, if the Regional Corporation agrees in writing, waives its rights to require the survey or agrees to the engagement of Aboriginal Heritage Monitors.

Note: Proponents should seek their own legal advice before entering into an Aboriginal Heritage Agreement or YPSHA.

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