

Exemption from Approval under s57(2) *Heritage Act 1977*



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Re: Exemption from Approval or Notification under s57(2) of the NSW Heritage Act
to undertake works to Bulli Railway Station, SHR # 01829
Dear Cass,

The proposed works have been assessed, and an exemption under Section 57(2) of the *NSW Heritage Act 1977* has been granted.

NSW State Heritage Register details	Bulli Railway Station (SHR 01829)
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Documentation	The project information has been provided in the following documentation and reviewed in support of this exemption:
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Boag, Chalmers and Dillon, 2020, a non-endorsed *Heritage Study of Bulli Railway Station group* by Sydney University students.
The report indicates that there were several structures located adjacent to the current carparking facilities that have been previously demolished, including a goods shed, cattle yards, jib crane and associated loading platform. The method of demolition for these items is not described in the report, however, is known to have occurred in 1923, coinciding with the duplication of the Illawarra line to Woonona and construction of Platform 1 and the brick platform buildings and Parcel Room. The aerial photos and the detailed site plan of demolished features on p.22 of report (reproduced in Appendix A) indicate these are outside the works area so no archaeological potential is ascribed to the car park area.

Niche Environment and Heritage, *Statement of Heritage Impact Bulli Traffic Improvements*, 24 November 2023

Report did not consider the Site Specific Exemption (30/8/2013) gazetted for the heritage precinct.

- Email from Ben Beattie "Works methodology for Bulli Station car park", 18/12/2024.

Scope of Works	<p>It is understood that the proposal includes the following:</p> <p><u>Proposed works:</u> Within the Bulli Station car park- minor alterations and line marking.</p> <p><u>Proposed work methodology:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of additional street lighting on Park Road, Railway Street and Station Street, and at Bulli Station car park • Establishment of a site compound within the Bulli Station car park • Removal of grass verges at Bulli Station to create additional parking spaces • Construction of shared path on Railway Street • Site disestablishment
Assessment	<p>In the area where new SM kerb Installation Is proposed there has been ground disturbance associated with the Initial carpark construction. It is assumed that the extent and depth of known disturbances within the Subject Area would not be exceeded by the subsurface penetration caused by the proposed works.</p> <p>Site specific exemption (30/8/2013) allows for: <i>Upgrade or minor alterations to the existing car park, providing there are no new buildings erected or no adverse impact on the heritage significance of the place.</i></p> <p>The proposal is considered consistent with the activities described within the following Rail-Specific Exemptions (gazetted 13 March 2015): Standard / TAHE (formerly Railcorp) agency specific Exemption 2: Excavation</p> <p>The proposal has been assessed by a Transport for NSW Heritage Specialist and is considered to have no adverse impacts on the heritage significance of the place.</p> <p>Transport for NSW is not required to obtain external heritage approval from Heritage NSW (the office of the Heritage Council of New South Wales).</p>
Conditions	<p>Please note these works are exempt from approval based on the following conditions.</p> <p>General conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due care must be taken in the vicinity of identified heritage structures and fabric. No construction materials are to be stockpiled or stored against heritage items or trees. • Any accidental damage caused to heritage items/fabric must be reported immediately through Sydney Trains SHEM. Damage is to be made good in accordance with specialist heritage advice. • All areas impacted by the work must be cleaned and made good after completion of works including removal of site debris. • Any proposed changes beyond the approved scope of works may require further assessment and approval.

Project specific conditions:

- In the event of discovery of any unexpected heritage item/s, Transport's *Unexpected Heritage Items Procedure* must be followed.
- All heritage safeguards and conditions of approval for the project must be adhered to.
- Due care must be taken in the vicinity of identified heritage structures and fabric. No construction materials are to be stockpiled or stored against heritage items or trees.
- Any accidental damage caused to heritage items/fabric must be reported immediately. Damage is to be made good in accordance with specialist heritage advice.

Heavy plant and equipment must avoid movements in and around heritage structures and fabric and significant trees, with heritage sensitive areas demarcated during operation.

Site Visit/Post Completion Inspection Required	No.
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Please do not hesitate to make contact if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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ADDITIONAL GENERAL CONDITIONS

- All contractors and staff must be briefed on site-specific heritage issues prior to commencing works. If there is a change of project staff or contractor during the length of the project, a further site briefing must be undertaken.
- Heritage documents (such as SoHI, specifications, approvals) and records of heritage site briefings must be retained on site for the duration of the works.
- Site inspections may be undertaken by a Transport for NSW Heritage representative throughout the duration of the approval as part of environmental audits to ensure compliance with conditions.

OTHER PROJECT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

- **Excavation**

Heavy plant and equipment must avoid movements in and around heritage structures and fabric and significant trees, with heritage sensitive areas demarcated during operation.

If unexpected archaeological deposits or relics are uncovered during works, works must stop immediately, and the steps outlined in the ***Transport NSW Unexpected Archaeological Finds procedure*** must be implemented.