

6.8 Non-Aboriginal heritage

6.8.1 Methodology

The study area for the non-Aboriginal heritage assessment is defined as the area within 500 metres of the proposal.

Heritage databases were searched on 23 February 2012 to identify any heritage items recorded in the study area, including the following:

- Australian Heritage database.
- Australian Heritage Places Inventory.
- NSW State Heritage Register.
- Heritage Schedule 5 of *Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010*.
- Roads and Maritime section 170 Heritage and Conservation Register.
- Railcorp section 170 Heritage and Conservation Register.

6.8.2 Existing environment

The Wagga Wagga area was first visited by Europeans when the party of explorers led by Charles Sturt travelled through the area in 1829, during their exploration of the Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers. Settlement followed soon after.

Numerous sites of non-Aboriginal heritage are listed on databases for the Wagga Wagga area. The existing bridge is the only listed heritage item located in the study area. It is listed under Heritage Schedule 5 of the Wagga Wagga LEP. The bridge was constructed in 1880. It is identified in the *Wagga Wagga City Council Rural Heritage Study* (Peter Freeman Pty Ltd 2000) as having technical significance as an example of bridge technology from the late 19th century.

No other listed heritage items are located in the study area.

The 'Home of the Soldier Wall' on Camp Access Road is located adjacent to, and west of the proposal, near the existing bridge. It is not listed as a heritage item; however it is an important feature marking the boundary of the Kapooka Military Area.

6.8.3 Potential impacts

The removal of the existing bridge at Kapooka is not included in the proposal. There is a possibility that further damage to the bridge could occur during construction as construction vehicles cross the bridge. The risk of this occurring is no greater than is already present for existing traffic on the Olympic Highway.

It is therefore unlikely that any sites of non-Aboriginal heritage significance would be affected by the proposal.

The proposal has the potential to impact the 'Home of the Soldier Wall' on Camp Access Road during nearby construction activities to tie in the proposal to the existing Camp Access Road. Construction vehicles could potentially damage the wall by knocking it or scuffing it during road works.

6.8.4 Safeguards and management measures

Impact	Environmental safeguards	Responsibility	Timing
Non-Aboriginal heritage - damage to, or loss of, items of non-Aboriginal heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If archaeological remains or an item (or suspected item) of non-Aboriginal heritage is discovered, the Roads and Maritime Standard Management Procedure: Unexpected Archaeological Finds (RTA, 2011b) will be implemented including that all work in the area of the find would cease immediately and would not recommence until the heritage value and associated protection and any approval requirements have been determined. Roads and Maritime would notify OEH if any item (or suspected item) of non-Aboriginal heritage is found during construction to determine the appropriate course of action. 	Project manager and contractor	Construction
Non-Aboriginal heritage - impacts to the Home of the Soldier Wall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If construction activities are required near the 'Home of the Soldier Wall' on Camp Access Road, a temporary barrier will be installed to protect the wall. 	Project manager and contractor	Construction