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About This Standard

This circular sets out the obligations of Australian Rail Track Corporation within the N.S.W. Heritage Act 1977 to identify, classify and conserve assets of heritage significance.

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1. Scope

This circular sets out the obligations of Australian Rail Track Corporation within the N.S.W. Heritage Act 1977 to identify, classify and conserve assets of heritage significance.

2. Responsibilities

Regional Property Manager

- (i) the retention and timely maintenance of all items of historical significance
- (ii) to obtain a Certificate of Heritage Status for each item prior to any alteration or disposal.
- (iii) to maintain adequate records of all Certificates of Heritage Status for reference and information of staff
- (iv) the issue of Certificates of Heritage Status
- (v) establish and maintain the Heritage & Conservation Register of historical assets as required under Section 170 of the Heritage Act 1977 (amended 1987).

3. General principles

Before any alteration is made to any asset, the persons authorising the alteration must be aware of the Heritage significance of the Asset.

To ensure this, the Officer must be satisfied that the work authorised will not affect the Historical significance of the Asset and have available a current Certificate of Heritage Status. This Certificate identifies the significance of the asset and details particular restrictions on alterations or removal of the assets.

The Regional Property Manager will obtain any necessary information from the appropriate Statutory Authorities before issuing the Certificate.

Direct negotiations with Statutory Authorities, Local Government or Interested Groups on Heritage matters should generally be undertaken by the Regional Property Manager. Regional Property Manager should avoid contact unless prior approval has been obtained from the Regional Property Manager.

Regional Property Manager responsible for Assets are to obtain copies of the Certificates and are required to maintain adequate records for reference and information of Relief Officers. This is essential to avoid irreplaceable damage to a Classified Asset.

The Railway Regional Property Manager is a member of the Rail Estate Group of the State Rail Authority.

4. Certificate of Heritage Status

A Certificate of Heritage Status is required for each identifiable Asset or group of Assets.

A Certificate of Heritage Status is to be obtained in advance of any proposed alterations or removal. As outlined in EYP 03 it must be available to all groups involved in the decision to remove an Asset.

Where the asset is subject to a Conservation Order or is included in heritage schedule of a Local Environment Plan this will be indicated on the Heritage Certificate. Approval from the appropriate authority will be required before any work or demolition is carried out.

A Certificate is issued in one of the following categories:

- **Class 1 - Assets of outstanding or exceptional Heritage Significance**
(Exceptional Heritage Status - EHS)
- **Class 2 - Assets of high or considerable Heritage Significance**
(High Heritage Significance - HHS)
- **Class 3 - Assets of Heritage Significance**
(Heritage Significance - HS)
- **Class 4 - Assets of No Heritage Significance**
(No Heritage Significance - NHS)

Instructions on the Certificate MUST be followed. Assets in Class 4 may be removed or altered to suit requirements without further Heritage approval.