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Assessment of heritage impacts

Newcastle Logistics Precinct

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The Newcastle Logistics Precinct will provide storage and logistics capability needed to transport large renewable energy components to Renewable Energy Zones across NSW, supporting the state's transition to renewable energy.

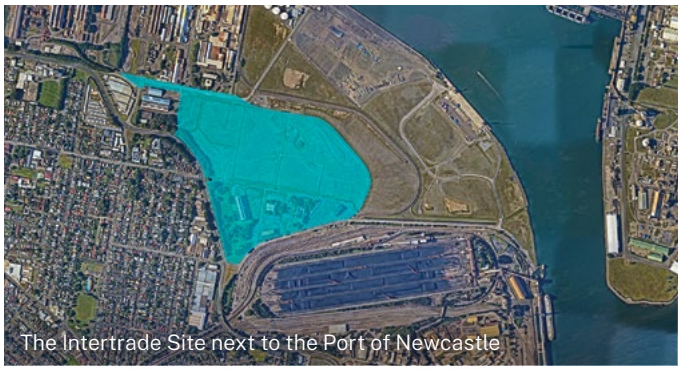
Overview

As part of the State's most important heavy industrial enterprises, the Intertrade site, where the Newcastle Logistics Precinct will be built, made a substantial contribution to steel production, wartime manufacturing, regional employment and the broader economic development of the State.

Its significance comes not only from its location, but from its deep historical, economic and social associations with the identity and collective memory of the Newcastle community.

Assessing heritage impacts

Technical paper 3 – Statement of Heritage Impacts, in the EIS identifies and assesses how construction and operation of the project might impact non-Aboriginal cultural heritage items at the project site. The land was used for tens of thousands of years for hunting, fishing and gathering activities by the local Awabakal people and remains culturally significant to them.



The Intertrade Site next to the Port of Newcastle

A search of Heritage NSW's Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) undertaken in August 2025, covering the study area and a 2.5 kilometre buffer, found no previously recorded Aboriginal sites or objects within the study area. Ten AHIMS sites are recorded in the wider 2.5 kilometre search area. The Intertrade site makes up a small section of the old BHP Steelworks and holds significant historical value due to its role in the 20th century industrialisation of the State and Australia.

BHP Administration Building

Source: BHP Historical photographs Collection Muster Point – BHP Newcastle 1913 1999 FB

Key historical elements, significance and impacts

The Intertrade site makes up a small section of the old BHP Steelworks and holds significant historical value due to its role in the 20th century industrialisation of the State and Australia.

The site contains structures and buildings referred to collectively as the BHP Administration Precinct which is listed on the NSW State Heritage Register.

Those items listed on the NSW State Heritage Register include the BHP Administration Building, the Roll Shop, the Newcastle Steelworkers Memorial, the Muster Point Memorial and items of moveable heritage.

The Quality Control Laboratory is a heritage item that is part of the BHP Administration Precinct, however, is not on the NSW State Heritage Register, but it is listed on the Transport and Infrastructure State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP). Also included on the SEPP is the nearby Delprat's Cottage, the original home of Guillaume Delprat, BHP Newcastle's first General Manager.

BHP Administration Building

The BHP Administration Building was built in 1921 and its heritage listing reflects its significance as part of the BHP Steelworks and Australia's industrial era.

The building was designed by well-known architects Ross and Rowe and underwent major extensions from 1935 to 1939.

While there will be no alterations or removal of any significant architectural fabric of the building, there will be changes outside on the southern side where a new central access road from Selwyn Street needs to be built.

This new access road will have a minor impact to the hardstand area outside the building which was previously used for parking, pedestrian access and landscaping.

Roll Shop

Built in 1970, the Roll Shop is a large industrial shed and is the last remaining building on site directly associated with the steelmaking process.

The project will support the ongoing conservation and adaptive reuse of the Roll Shop by enabling its continued use and maintenance. The upgrades are expected to extend the functional life of the building, reducing the risk of deterioration and potential loss and maintaining its heritage value and significance.

The Muster Point Memorial Park

The Memorial Park is located west of the project site contains the Muster Point and Newcastle Steelworks memorials, built to commemorate workers who lost their lives while working at the Steelworks and remember the experiences of industrial workers and the human cost of industrialisation.

The Muster Point Memorial opened in September 1999 and was created by artist Julie Squires. The Newcastle Steelworks Memorial opened in 2015.

The Quality Control Laboratory

Built in the 1960s, the Quality Control Laboratory was a purpose-built industrial research facility and stands as a symbol of BHP's technological advancement and scientific investment within the steelworks complex.

The project will not directly impact the Quality Control Laboratory, however, more than half of the vegetation and garden beds around the building will need to be removed to allow construction of a new access road, staff amenities and parking.

The visual impact of the tree removal is considered minor in terms of heritage impacts. The Laboratory remains as both an architectural statement and an emblem of BHP's mid-twentieth century technological development.

Source: Monument Australia 2010

Newcastle BHP Steelworks Muster Point Monument

Wind farm components in storage at the Port of Newcastle

Delprat's Quarters

Delprat's Quarters (Delprat's Cottage) was built in 1914 to accommodate Guillaume Delprat, BHP Newcastle's first General Manager, when he visited the site.

He was a key figure in the development of the steelworks, making the cottage the probable seat of executive power onsite until Delprat's retirement and the construction of the BHP Administrative Building.

Delprat's Quarters is outside the project site and will not be impacted by construction or operations. The project will not obstruct the cottage's elevated position, its views over the site or diminish its significance.

Views from Delprat's Cottage are already characterised by industrial development associated with the former steelworks and port.

Apprentice Training Centre

The Apprentice Training Centre is connected to the BHP site and was established to broaden the steelworks skills base. It is located close to the site but does not have views over it. Today it is privately owned.

The project will not affect the building or its function, impact its users or its historic role as a training facility embedded within the steelworks complex.

Learn more

For more information about Aboriginal heritage and Non-Aboriginal heritage, please refer to *Chapter 8: Non-Aboriginal heritage* and *Chapter 9 – Aboriginal heritage*.

About EnergyCo

The Energy Corporation of NSW (EnergyCo) is a statutory authority responsible for leading the delivery of Renewable Energy Zones (REZs) as part of the NSW Government's Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap.

EnergyCo is working closely with communities, investors and industry to deliver the state's first five REZs.

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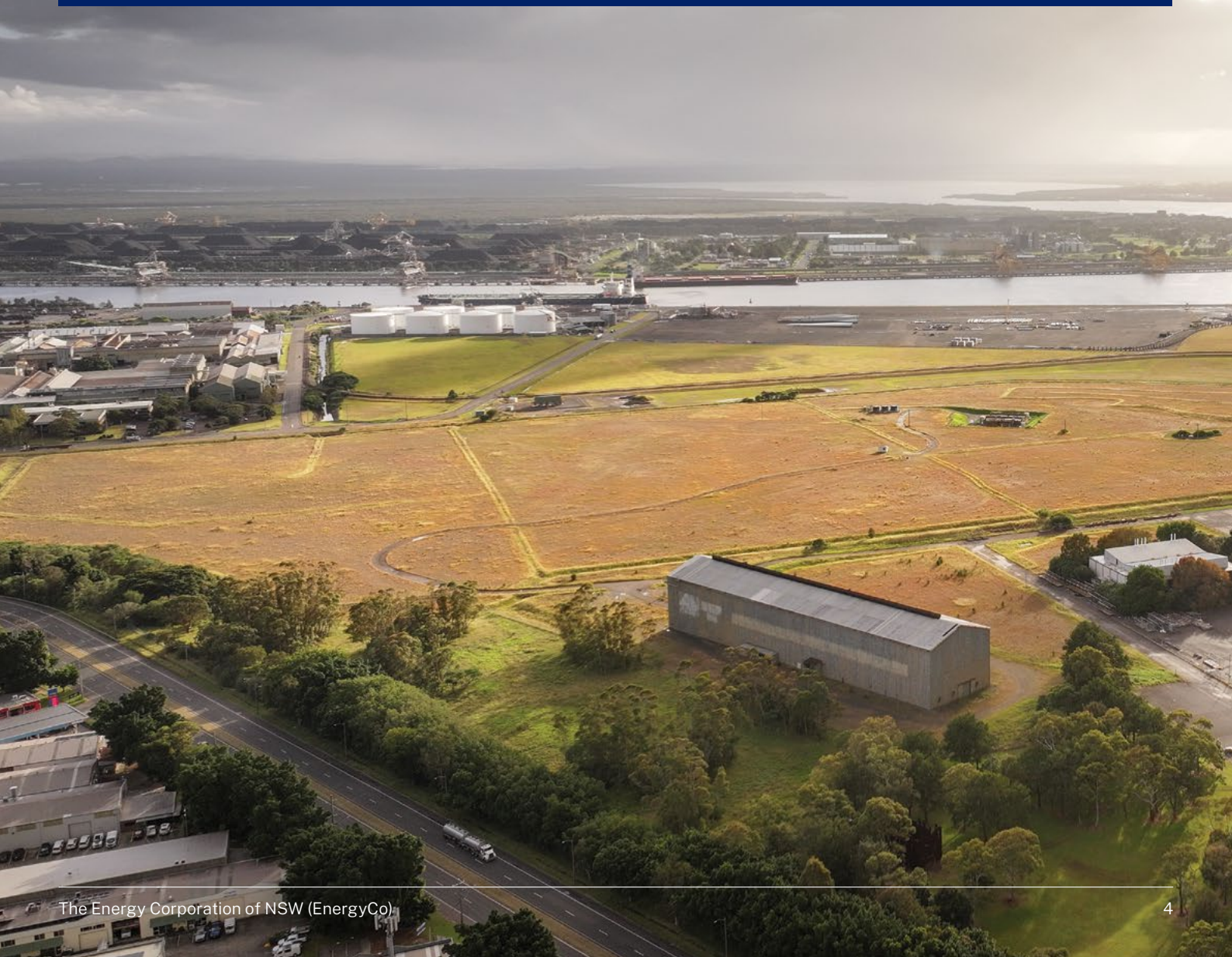
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