



# Application to protect a specified area or object

Form approved for applications under sections 9, 10, 12 and 18 of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984*

## Section A: General information

### Purpose of this form

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people or their representatives to apply to protect a specified area or objects under the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984* (ATSIHP Act).

You can also make a verbal application by phoning (02) 6275 9450.

There is no application fee. We will contact you within 2 working days to confirm receipt of your application.

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### Before applying

Read about the Act and the application process:

- [ATSIHP Act](#)
- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984: General Guide](#)

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### Confidential information

Information from sections B and C of this form that you do not mark as confidential may be:

- published on our website
- shared with interested parties identified in your application.

If you do not want information published on our website or shared with other interested parties:

- write 'Confidential' beside the relevant question
- identify the information to be restricted
- indicate how you would like it to be restricted (for example, 'only to be viewed by men' or 'only to be viewed by the department and the minister').

If you mark information as 'Confidential', affected parties will not be able to respond to it. This means the minister may not be able to give as much weight to that information. This may affect the success of your application.

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### Email (preferred) or post this form, or phone to make a verbal application

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Canberra ACT 2601  
  
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Phone 02 6275 9450

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## Section B: Applicant

If you do not want information published on our website or shared with other interested parties, write 'Confidential' beside the relevant question.

### 1 Indicate application type (select one or more boxes)

- ☐ Application for an emergency declaration for up to 48 hours to protect a specified area or objects from a serious and immediate threat (section 18)
- ☐ Application for an emergency declaration for up to 30 days to protect a specified area from a serious and immediate threat (section 9)
- ☐ Application for a declaration to protect a specified area from a threat for a period determined by the minister (section 10)
- ☐ Application for a declaration to protect an object or class of objects from a threat for a period determined by the minister (section 12)

2 Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

3 Applicant's cultural background (for example, tribe, clan, nation or language group and cultural or legal authority if relevant) (attach documentary evidence if available) \_\_\_\_\_

### 4 Contact details

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb/town/city \_\_\_\_\_ State/territory \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

5 As the applicant, I have read and understood the [privacy notice](#) and Privacy Policy.

☐ No

☐ Yes

Signature (type or sign your name) \_\_\_\_\_

Date (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

### 6 Applicant's representative (if relevant)

Given name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Family name \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

7 As the applicant's representative, I have read and understood the [privacy notice](#) and Privacy Policy.

☐ No

☐ Yes

☐ Not applicable

Signature (type or sign your name) \_\_\_\_\_

Date (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

### Section C: Specified area or objects, threat of injury or desecration, and interested parties

If you do not want information published on our website or shared with other interested parties, write 'Confidential' beside the relevant question.

**8 Describe the location of the specified area (the area you are seeking protection for) or objects (attach more pages if necessary).**

If you can, include latitude and longitude, lot and section numbers or road boundaries. Where possible, attach an accurate map (preferably ArcGIS shapefile). If you can't include such details, describe the locations in as much detail as you can.

**9 Describe why the area or object is a significant Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander area or object (attach more pages if necessary).**

Identify significant stories, ceremonies or other cultural activities associated with the specified area or objects. This could include any relevant traditions that are maintained to the present day.

**10 Describe how the specified area or objects are under threat of injury or desecration (attach more pages if necessary).**

**11 If relevant, identify any approvals or permits that have been granted to undertake an activity that might threaten the area or objects. Include the names of the parties who hold the approvals (attach more pages if necessary).**

**12 Identify when the threat is likely to occur, if you know. If you are applying for an emergency declaration under section 9 or section 18, describe why you think the threat is ‘serious and immediate’ (attach more pages if necessary).**

**13 If known, provide details of people and organisations whose rights or interests might be affected by the outcome of this application (attach more pages if necessary).**

Include relevant third parties such as landowners, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, groups or organisations and any state or local government authorities. If you answered question 11, include the parties that you named.

Name	Role	Email address	Telephone number

**Section D: Privacy notice**

‘Personal information’ means information or an opinion about an identified, or reasonably identifiable, individual.

‘Sensitive information’ is a subset of personal information and includes any information or opinion about an individual’s racial or ethnic origin, political opinion or association, religious beliefs or affiliations, philosophical beliefs, sexual preferences or practices, trade or professional associations and memberships, union membership, criminal record, health or genetic information and biometric information or templates.

By completing and submitting this form you consent to the collection of all personal information, including sensitive information, contained in this form, and to future collection of information in connection with your application under the ATSIHP Act.

The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment collects your personal information (as defined in the *Privacy Act 1988*) for the purposes of assessing your application under the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984* and related purposes. If you fail to provide some or all of the personal information requested in this form, the department may be unable to process your application.

The department may disclose your personal information contained in this form (unless marked confidential) or subsequently provided to the department in connection with your application to Australian, state or territory government agencies, persons or organisations where necessary for the purposes described, provided the disclosure is consistent with relevant laws, particularly the Privacy Act. Your personal information will be used and stored in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles.

See our [Privacy Policy](#) web page to learn more about accessing or correcting personal information or making a complaint. Alternatively, email the department at [privacy@awe.gov.au](mailto:privacy@awe.gov.au).

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**Verbal application**

☐ Applicant has confirmed that they have understood the privacy notice and Privacy Policy

Department officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_