

OBJECTIVE

Southern Ports is committed to recognising and respecting the cultural and social importance of all heritage sites and places vested within Southern Ports controlled areas.

SCOPE

This Policy is relevant to the impacts on heritage sites and places from Port operations and applies to all activities within land and marine controlled areas at the Ports of Albany, Bunbury, Esperance and the Perth office.

POLICY STATEMENT

Southern Ports is committed to:

- identifying and managing heritage sites and places, taking into consideration community expectations;
- ensuring efficient trade facilitation and sustainable development of its port jurisdictions and areas of influence through the consideration of heritage matters in all aspects of the decision making process;
- recognising on-going custodianship of port land and waters and accountability for managing heritage sites and places;
- complying with all applicable heritage legislation;
- managing risks and minimising impacts to heritage sites and places from port development, marine services and operations;
- providing resources, training and support to meet effective heritage sites and places management;
- communicating with the community, government, industry, employees, contractors and other stakeholders on heritage sites and places; and
- ensuring this Policy is displayed, communicated, implemented and maintained.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Policy is effective from 19 April 2018.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Executive Officer and delegated staff members of each Southern Ports site are responsible for ensuring compliance with this Policy. A review of the effectiveness and relevance of the Policy will be conducted annually on the anniversary of the effective date of the Policy unless there is a material change which affects the intent of the Policy.

RELATED LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS

The applying legislation and documents include, but are not limited to the following:

- *Port Authorities Act 1999*
- *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*
- *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990*
- *Maritime Archaeology Act 1973*
- *Commonwealth Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976*
- *Aboriginal and Torres Straights Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984*
- *Native Title Act 1993*



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