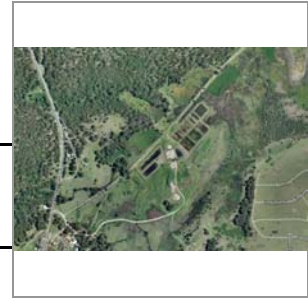


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SHI No.: *Name:*
3630123 Archaeological remains (former Minmi Wastewater Treatment Plant site)

Location Lenaghans Drive, Minmi NSW 2287



Description:

The site consists of underground storage rooms, which were probably part of a dairy. There is also an earth banked railway platform addressing the former Minmi/Hexham railway line. The site was a hobby farm owned by John Brown of J. and A. Brown, with the platform built to serve the farm.

Significance:

The Minmi former treatment plant itself is not significant. The significant element is the remnants of the 1800s structures within the site, known as 'John Brown's model farm'. This component is of considerable local significance by way of its association with J and A Brown, and its location on the Hexham to Minmi Railway and its archaeological potential.

Assessed Significance: Local

Endorsed Significance: Local

Historical Notes:

John Brown's model farm was established on this site in the later 1800s and the buildings were demolished in the mid-20th century.

In the 1998-99 Annual Report it was announced that construction of the transfer systems at Minmi Wastewater Treatment Works would commence in late 2000. The erection of these systems would allow the Minmi Works to be decommissioned, as the raw sewage is redirected to Shortland Wastewater Treatment Works. These diversion works, and subsequently the decommissioning of the Minmi system was completed in 2000-01.

Current Use: Decommissioned

Former Uses: Wastewater treatment plant

Physical Condition:

Probable archaeological potential - further detailed assessment required before excavation occurs on the site.

Recommended Management:

- This item contributes to local character and should be conserved.
- Original details should be maintained including doors, windows and original signage.
- New materials should be sympathetic to the nature and character of the original building.
- In the event of major proposed changes, prepare a Conservation Management Strategy and undertake an archival recording.
- Wherever possible, changes should be restricted to the interior of the building.
- Routine maintenance of existing fabric is essential.

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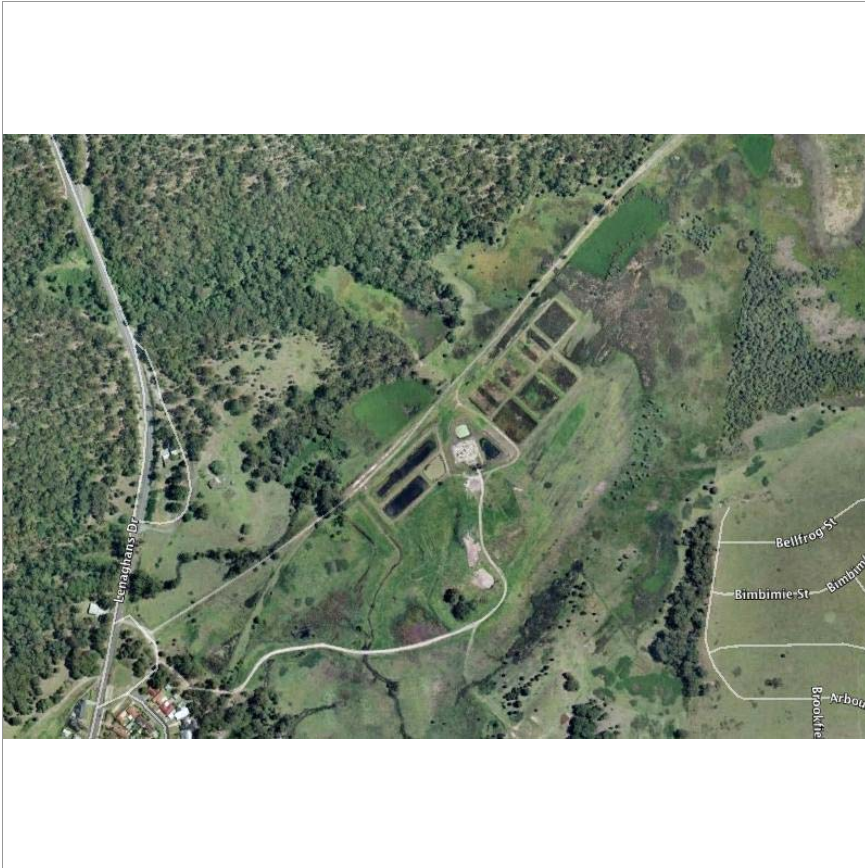
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Listings:

- 1 *Heritage Act - s.170 NSW State agency heritage register:*
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 - 2 *Local Environmental Plan: John Brown's Model Farm*
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