

HUNTER WATER

SECTION s170 REGISTER



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Four Mile Creek 2 Reservoir

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ITEM DETAILS



Item Name	Four Mile Creek 2 Reservoir
Other / Former Names	Buttai No. 2 Reservoir
NSW SHI No.	3630005
GID	400438
Plant No.	WR-FMC-002
Local Government Area	Cessnock
Lot and DP	Lot 1 DP 724270, Lot 1 DP 814843, Lot 1217 DP 1157771
Address	John Renshaw Drive, Black Hill NSW 2323
Curtilage	The curtilage of this asset is defined by its physical configuration and does not correspond to legal allotment boundaries.



View of the structure and roof of the Reservoir



Asset location and curtilage (red boundary) (refer to Figure 1 for additional detail)

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW



Current Use	Water storage
Former Use	N/A
Designer / Builder	Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board
Historical Notes	<p>In 1929 Buttai Reservoir (Four Mile Creek 1) was extended to hold a further 3,500,000 gallons of water in order to obviate shortages of water supply to Cessnock. Completed and made available for the summer of 1928-29, the final capacity of the Buttai Reservoirs as a whole was 3,514,000 gallons.</p> <p>In 1947-48 a scheme to amplify the water distribution was investigated, which included the augmentation of supply from Buttai Reservoir to Neath Pumping Station. In 1956 a 24-inch pipeline was laid for 2 ½ miles between Stoney Pinch and Buttai Reservoirs to improve supply. In 1960-61 a 20-inch cement-lined cast iron water main was completed between Buttai Reservoir and Heddon Greta, replacing an 18-inch wood stave main.</p> <p>In the late 1990s, it was decided to roof the remaining open reservoirs under the control of the Hunter Water Corporation. By June 1999 construction on the roof of Buttai No. 2 Reservoir had commenced.</p>

HERITAGE STATUS



Listing Details	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S170 Heritage and Conservation Register <input type="checkbox"/> Local heritage listing <input type="checkbox"/> State heritage listing
Conservation Management Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Futurepast Heritage Consulting Pty Ltd, 2012, <i>Buttai Reservoirs Site Conservation Management Plan</i> , prepared for Hunter Water Corporation
Heritage Asset Action Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Aboriginal Sites Registered within the Site	AHIMS search undertaken on 20 October 2022. No sites were registered in or within 50 metres of the relevant Lot and DP.
Historical Archaeological Potential	Not assessed.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE



Level of Significance	Local
Statement of Significance	<p>Buttai Reservoir No. 2 is part of the 1920s expansion to the Walka system, following the commissioning of Chichester Dam.</p> <p>The Reservoir was built adjoining Reservoir No. 1 and represents an evolution in reservoir construction technique and a continuation of use of the Buttai Reservoir site.</p>
NSW SHR Criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Historical <input type="checkbox"/> b) Associative <input type="checkbox"/> c) Aesthetic / Technical <input type="checkbox"/> d) Social <input type="checkbox"/> e) Research Potential (yield new information) <input type="checkbox"/> f) Rare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g) Representative
Significant Elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall form and shape.

DESCRIPTION



Setting	The reservoir is set within an area of bushland adjacent to a mine facility. The mine operations are screened by the bushland and are not visible from the reservoir. Much of the landform immediately surrounding the reservoir has been disturbed by mounding soil around the reservoir structure, resulting in a raised mound.
External Appearance	<p>A later addition, Four Mile Creek No. 2 (Buttai No. 2) Reservoir forms an L shape around the Four Mile Creek No. 1 (Buttai No. 1) Reservoir and is made of concrete with splayed sides.</p> <p>A later kliplok roof has been added to the Reservoir with access hatches. Pipes supported on concrete footings extend through the Reservoir roof and to the east.</p> <p>The two structures are connected internally.</p>
Internal Appearance	N/A (internal access not possible).
Overall Condition	Good.
Moveable Heritage Objects	None identified.

MANAGEMENT



Approval and Assessment Requirements	<p><u>Minor or inconsequential impacts:</u> Anything other than routine repair and maintenance must be discussed with the Environment Team to determine the level of heritage assessment required.</p> <p><u>More than minor or inconsequential impacts:</u> As above. Additionally, consultation with the relevant local council is required.</p> <p>Demolition or removal from the register requires consultation with Heritage NSW and archival recording.</p>
General / Ongoing Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes within the defined curtilage should be preceded by the appropriate level of heritage assessment and approval. Advice and/or confirmation should be sought from the Environment Team prior to undertaking any works. Maintain overall form, shape and scale of the Reservoir. Changes to fabric may be supportable if no feasible alternative is available to ensure ongoing operation and/or safety. Replacement/removal of redundant or failing elements or equipment is acceptable to facilitate ongoing operation. Removal of non-significant elements (such as contemporary services, roof sheeting, etc.) is supportable. Any replacements must be appropriate/sympathetic. Consider the amalgamation of the Four Mile Creek 1 and Four Mile Creek 2 assets into a single listing on the s170 Register. Undertake review of and update the applicable CMP every 5–7 years. The 2012 CMP requires revision as soon as possible. The policies contained within the CMP should be followed to conserve and manage the heritage values of the asset in line with the operational needs of Hunter Water.
Priority Conservation Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean off concrete to prevent deterioration of the fabric.



Image 1: Access hatch to roof of Reservoir



Image 2: Concrete form and later kliplok roof



Image 3: Concrete form and later kliplok roof



Image 4: Pipework connected to the Reservoir



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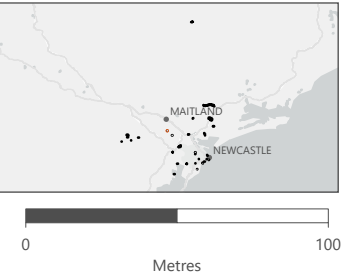
FIGURE 1

S170 Review - Heritage Curtilages

Legend

- Road
- +— Railway
- Lot Boundary
- ▭ Heritage Curtilages

Four Mile Creek 2 Reservoir



Scale 1:2,500 at A4
GDA 1994 MGA Zone 56



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