

As Western Sydney Airport is built, it is important to recognise the heritage of the Badgerys Creek site.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Western Sydney Airport considers the impacts of the airport on the European heritage of the site and surrounding areas. The assessment for the EIS was based on specialist European heritage studies and site investigations in accordance with relevant legislation.

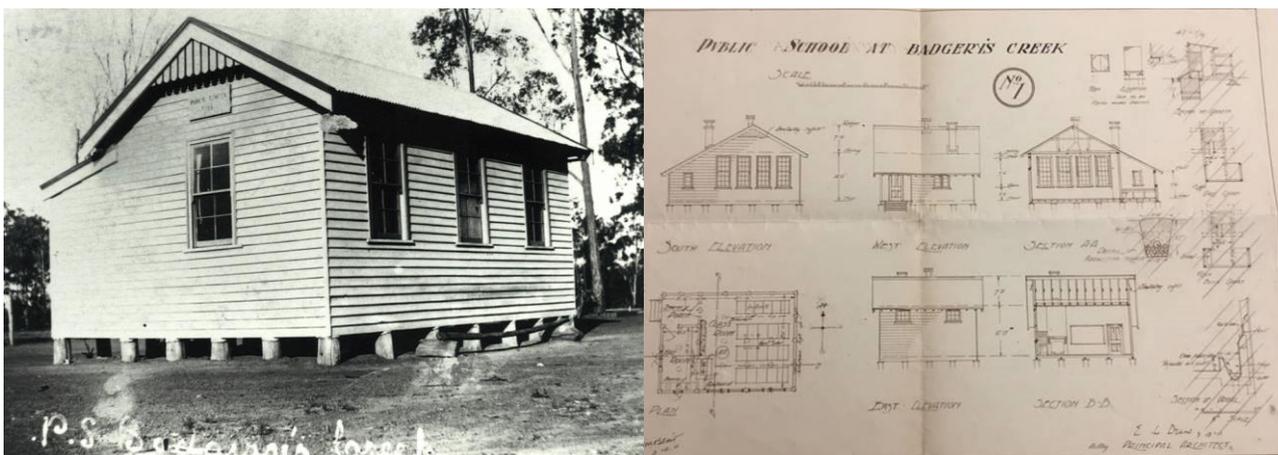
The EIS also includes mitigation measures to manage impacts and conserve the site's heritage values.

The Environment Minister considered the draft Airport Plan against the EIS and included conditions under section 96B of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. This includes measures identified in the EIS to manage cultural heritage. The mandatory conditions were incorporated into the Airport Plan, which authorises the construction and operation of the Stage 1 development, and must be complied with.

European heritage at the airport site

Twenty European heritage items were recorded on the airport site and an additional 22 heritage items in the surrounding area.

European heritage items on the airport site included a winery, farm cottages, and a school. This reflects the historical context of European settlement at the site, including early attempts to develop local agricultural and pastoral economies and the emergence of settled village communities.



Identified heritage items reflect the cultural context of the airport site. They provide insight into the history of the region and represent the importance and value of the land to people and communities.

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Managing European cultural heritage

Mitigation and management measures to recognise and preserve the European cultural heritage of the site included:

- archaeological investigations
- archival recording, including photographic records
- relocation of remains located in known grave sites
- the recording of staged demolition of structures

An archival recording process was undertaken for European heritage items identified on the airport site. Following documentation, European heritage items were removed from the airport site.

A report will be prepared on the historical context of the Badgerys Creek area and the methodology used for the archival recording process.

Other activities to recognise the heritage of the site could include an oral history. The detailed airport design will consider the heritage values of the airport site.

