

Cultural heritage database and register

A cultural heritage database and cultural heritage register have been established under Part 5 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* and the *Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003*.

The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) is responsible for administering the database and register.

Cultural heritage database

The purpose of the cultural heritage database is to:

- assemble information about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage in a central and accessible location; and
- provide a research and planning tool to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parties, researchers and other persons assess the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage values of particular areas.

The database is not publicly available. However DATSIP provides information from the database to:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parties – if the information relates to the party's area of responsibility
- land users – if the information is necessary for them to satisfy their duty of care

Cultural heritage register

The cultural heritage register holds:

- information regarding cultural heritage studies under Part 6 of the legislation
- information regarding Designated Landscape Areas
- information about whether a particular area has been the subject of a cultural heritage management plan under Part 7 of the legislation

- information on cultural heritage bodies
- details of statutory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parties.

The register is intended to be:

- a depository of information for consideration for land-use planning (including local government planning schemes and regional planning strategies); and
- a research and planning tool to help people in their consideration of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage values of particular objects and areas.

The register is available to the public.

Accessing information

Information recorded on the register is now accessible through the public map available via the department's online cultural heritage portal.

Summarised information from the cultural heritage database can also be obtained by undertaking a search through the online portal <https://culturalheritage.datsip.qld.gov.au>

Adding information to the database

Guidelines to accessing the cultural heritage database and register have been developed. The guidelines also provide details about adding information to the database.

The guidelines can be viewed at www.datsip.qld.gov.au/ch

Further information

For further information about the cultural heritage database and register contact the Site Registrar on telephone 1300 378 401 or email cultural.heritage@datsip.qld.gov.au

Visit the DATSIP website www.datsip.qld.gov.au/ch