



# Release of AHR data

## FACT SHEET

Requests to access sensitive cultural heritage data held in the Aboriginal Heritage Register (AHR) are administered by Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania (AHT) in accordance with data protection measures relevant to the request purpose.

AHT is responsible for administering the regulatory processes established under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975*, including the AHR, which contains sensitive information related to over 13,000 Aboriginal heritage sites across Tasmania.

Governments (and Aboriginal organisations) do not make detailed data about the location and nature of Aboriginal heritage on public and private land publicly available. It is standard practice for any parties wishing to access such data to make an application to access the information, due to legal protections, cultural sensitivity (to ensure the protection of heritage) and landowner privacy considerations.

Accordingly, AHT maintains processes and conditions for the release of heritage data that necessarily differ depending on the purpose of the request and the proposed use of the data. AHT administers three separate types of request to access AHR data:

<b>Regulatory requests</b>	<i>are for data required to fulfil Aboriginal heritage (or other) regulatory or statutory processes.</i>	Use the <a href="#">Search Request Form</a>
<b>Community requests</b>	<i>are for members of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community who are eligible under the Tasmanian Government's eligibility policy.</i>	Use the <a href="#">Community Request Form</a>
<b>Non-regulatory research requests</b> (or any other activities)	<i>are for research or other purposes that contribute to the protection and promotion of Aboriginal heritage.</i>	Use the <a href="#">Research Request Form</a>

Applicants seeking to access AHR data must complete and return the appropriate request form to AHT. The forms are available on the AHT website at [www.aboriginalheritage.tas.gov.au](http://www.aboriginalheritage.tas.gov.au), or by contacting [aboriginal@heritage.tas.gov.au](mailto:aboriginal@heritage.tas.gov.au).

Data approved for release is provided to applicants in digital read-only format, or by hard-copy if requested.

## Further information

For further information on the release of Aboriginal cultural heritage data from the AHR, please contact AHT on 1300 487 045 during business hours, or at [aboriginal@heritage.tas.gov.au](mailto:aboriginal@heritage.tas.gov.au).

For general information about the Act, the Aboriginal Heritage Council and Aboriginal cultural heritage regulatory processes, please visit the AHT website at [www.aboriginalheritage.tas.gov.au](http://www.aboriginalheritage.tas.gov.au).

