

PRE-CONSTRUCTION CULTURAL HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Key facts:

- test pit investigations undertaken at 24 sites throughout the project corridor
- approximately 200 items of significance found
- sites at the Logan Motorway, Forest Lake, and the Mount Lindesay Highway, Drewvale, yielded the highest number of items, mostly silcrete or chert fragments that would have been used as tools by Aboriginal people.

Prior to construction commencing in June 2017, Transurban Queensland engaged and consulted with two Aboriginal parties (members of *Jagera Daran* and the *Turrbal* people).

As a result of this engagement, members of *Jagera Daran* undertook test pit investigations at 24 sites within the project corridor between January and May 2017. Test pit investigations involved initial light excavation by an excavator, followed by meticulous hand scraping (see *image right*). More than 200 items of cultural significance were found during these investigations. Items are now being catalogued and once complete, the items will be returned to the earth in-line with cultural process.



Turrbal monitored early construction activity at an isolated site on the Gateway Extension Motorway, within the project corridor.

In addition to the above, members of *Jagera Daran* facilitated cultural heritage awareness training for site construction workers prior to works commencing.



Photo caption: Members of *Jagera Daran* with a Transurban Queensland project team member



Photo caption: Artefacts found during test pit investigations