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Remains unearthed at Shoalhaven Heads

A contractor for Shoalhaven Water has unearthed human remains at the Shoalhaven Heads Sewage Treatment Plant.

The contractor, CCB Envico, has unearthed remains while undertaking work for the plant upgrade. The excavations were conducted in accordance with Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit conditions. These remains add to the find in December 2010 when the contractor discovered remains during excavation.

Council has consulted with the Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water for advice on the approach for recovery of the bodies.

Council's contractor has ceased work in this area where the remains were unearthed. Council is now working with representatives of the Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council, the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, and the National Parks and Wildlife Service on site to determine the extent of the remains.

Council is also working with protocols from the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water on hand sieving tonnes of stockpiled sand.

The recovery works commenced 22 March 2011. Council continues to work with DECCW and the field team to ensure the appropriate respect is given to this sensitive situation.

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