

# 19 NON-ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

## Issue:

Concerns were raised that the mining history of Andamooka would not be retained as the town grew and developed. BHP Billiton or Planning SA, together with the Andamooka Progress and Opal Mining Association (APOMA), were asked to support the preservation of Andamooka's history.

## Submission: 6

## Response:

There is no reason to expect that the mining heritage of Andamooka would be negatively affected by the proposed expansion at Olympic Dam. Rather, the proposed expansion has the potential to increase public interest in the township and its history, the preservation of which will continue to be supported by BHP Billiton.

It is expected that the expanded operation at Olympic Dam would bring additional visitors to Roxby Downs, Andamooka and other nearby communities. As presented in Section 19.5.1 of the Draft EIS, this may provide indirect business benefits to Andamooka in hospitality and tourism. This may also provide new opportunities to promote and showcase the opal mining history of Andamooka, for example through appropriate tourism and information services (see also Section 21.4.1 of the Supplementary EIS).

Elsewhere in South Australia, existing mining communities such as Leigh Creek and Coober Pedy, as well as former mining towns such as Burra and Moonta, have developed complementary tourism and hospitality services that build on their mining history and heritage.

BHP Billiton has previously provided funding to support the preservation of Andamooka's heritage, including a \$12,000 grant to upgrade the heritage cottage in Andamooka, and it will continue to work with APOMA and the South Australian Government to uphold Andamooka's unique history.