

## When is a Rock not a Rock?

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Environmental legislation today is very rigorous with respect to working around, on or near any environmental heritage site. No longer can ignorance of the fact or unintentional impact be used as a defence. Over the last few years, the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) surveying section has been involved in two environmental incidents on aboriginal heritage sites and one incident involving a rare or threatened species. This presentation outlines lessons learnt and subsequent system improvements that have been implemented for RMS staff and contractors performing surveys for RMS.*

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