

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	2819DC/Electrical infrastucture/Farm Lucas Vlei
	Site Name	Archaeological site
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	CaseNID	
	Coords	-28.917222, 19.766111

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Physical Type: Open Site

BroadAgeCategory: Colonial

Site Category: Archaeological

SiteComments:

Granite bedrock outcrops with grinding patches are known from a number of parts of Namaqualand. They were only found in a limited part of the present WEF study area in the northeast. A few smaller outcrops were seen but undoubtedly the most important archaeological site located during this survey was a very large granite outcrop bearing hundreds of grinding grooves. The outcrop also had many hollows in it – sometimes called ‘waterbakke’ – that would trap water after rain. Water may also have been trapped around the edges of the outcrop but this cannot be readily determined since a ‘dam wall’ has been pushed up around the lowermost edge during historical/recent times in order to increase the trapping of runoff. Ground patches have only been observed in close proximity to sources of water and the hollows were probably the primary source for this site. The grinding patches were mostly fairly ephemeral as is typically the case but in a number of locations some had been used enough to start developing a shallow groove shape. A large granite bedrock outcrop with pans around it and many ‘waterbakke’ on top of it. There are numerous grinding patches around the edges of the granite (210 were counted but this is not likely to be accurate) and a light to moderate artefact scatter in various places on the surrounding ground. In addition to stone artefacts of quartz, quartzite and CCS, there were also some pot sherds. there was a smoothed slab lying over a small hollow in the bedrock. Beneath the slab were a selection of items as follows: another smaller smoothed stone (broken piece), a quartz crystal, a quartz flake and chunk, a CCS flake and bipolar core, two fibre-tempered pot sherds and one mineral-tempered pot sherd.

Stone Artefact Types: CCS, Quartz, Quartzite, Quartz Crystal

Manufactured Artefact Types: Pottery

Damage Types: