



Cutout from the official map of the inscribed property, downloaded from the [UNESCO web page](#) Oct. 7, 2021.

Proposed drill site BASE-2 corresponds to sites 148 and 208 which are contained, together with sites 149 and 209, within a single polygon (see p.2).

Proposed drill site BASE-3 is far from any inscribed polygon and represents the end of a plantation road which was constructed by backhoe and bulldozer about 25 years ago within a commercial eucalyptus and pine plantation; compare p. 3. We do not understand why this site is seen as potentially problematic.

## Drill Site 2



Drill Site 2 is fully contained within a single polygon (in white) which contains the individual sites „Geotrail 148”, „208”, „149” and „209”. The polygon is defined by the coordinates -25,795844 31,083575; -25,789961 31,081797; -25,787414 31,089825; -25,795875 31,093425 (extracted from Government Gazette / STAATSKOERANT, 15 JUNIE 2018 No. 41704, p. 17).

The closest WHS-defined location to drill site 2 is „148” and „208” (see p.1); sites „149” and „209” lie ca. 500 m and ca. 700 distant, respectively, to the east. Please find comments to the nature of sites „148” and „208” in the email text.

## Drill Site 2

a



b



Drill site 2 will be located in an abandoned shallow roadside pit which was created for the extraction of sand as roadside building material several decades ago and has since eroded. It is not a cultural or historical monument by any means.

Drilling will take place at the southern edge of a recently constructed parking lot on a fully artificial and man-modified soil surface littered with refuse and debris; pins and dashed white lines indicate drilling location and the approximate track of the underground, 5cm-wide borehole.

The site will be inspected prior to and after drilling by an outside independent environmental consultant who will certify in writing that the site remained unchanged after the end of drilling operations of about 1 month duration.

## Drill Site 3



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