Blacktown Native Institution site: Proposed Artefact repatriation process

This program sets out a format for the treatment and location of artefact repatriations to be placed within part of the Blacktown Native Institution site (BNI), which is under the ownership of the Dharug Strategic Management Group (DSMG) on behalf of Dharug people.

The DSMG intends for part of the site to hold some collections of Aboriginal artefacts[1] which have been excavated or removed from Dharug Country sites. They intend to keep these artefacts that were recovered from Country. Repatriation at the BNI is deemed appropriate as it holds a special and sacred meaning to Dharug people who will provide them with ongoing protection and care under cultural traditions.

Reburial of Aboriginal objects into the BNI property does not require an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit,[2] or a care agreement[3] under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, and is exempt under the Heritage Act as it is consistent with ongoing cultural practices.

The following process is intended to support this activity. This process may change in future with additional areas added as appropriate. It is not intended to be a static process:

1. **Burial location**

The following location (Figure 1) has been investigated and determine that it is unlikely that Aboriginal objects or historical archaeological relics are likely to be present and would be harmed by this process.

Figure 1 map showing the proposed location which is around the inside of the berm.

2. **Approach to reburial**

This approach requires agreement from the DSMG to the re-location of Aboriginal objects from specific sites within the burial location in Figure 1.

Burial Location 1 will be recorded in Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) and issued with a site number. It will be identified as a place where repatriated Aboriginal objects from a number of projects will be rehomed in the listing.

How the artefacts are reburied will be as per the preference of the DSMG on behalf of the Dharug community and as per Traditional practices.

The size and depth of each excavated area will be recorded, together with the Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates (Easting, Northing, zone and datum), which will

[1] This can include human remains if deemed appropriate.
[2] Under s90 of the NPWA
[3] Under X of NPWA

be added to the AHIMS site card for the location, which is registered in **AHIMS as 45-5-XX.** See **Attachment 1** for information to be recorded. A standard size of excavation area is useful to anticipate the maximum number of collections to be reburied as part of Location 1.

It is assumed that the Standard size for a reburied collection will be:

[4]2m wide x 2m long x 2m deep[5]. *This size can be combined if a collection is particularly large. Noting the depth is indicative and can be less and can be excavated by machine.

To help keep track of the locations and collections, a map should be maintained of the burial location. Any new additions need to be added to the map in the correct spatial location (See **Attachment 3).**

To help the Dharug community manage the area and understand what collections of artefacts are retained here, each location may have a marker installed.

Any new addition to the area will be updated on the site card through completion of an Aboriginal Site Recording Impact Form (ASRIF) (See **Attachment 3)**.

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[4] Mamre s1 had about 6000 artefacts, their repat size was 160cm x 160cm x 50cm; Colebee Warehouse had 1,105 artefacts and the RRM7 has about 10,000 artefacts across the three sites salvaged TBC with KNC. The M12 repatriation had 80,000 artefacts to an approx. size as proposed. [Flick check size of repat]

[5] Preference may also be to provide a circular shape for reburial, which would be 200m in diameter, the equivalent of 2m wide in a square shape.

Attachment 1 Information to be recorded for each artefact collection reburied.

This should be provided by the project wanting to rebury artefacts on the property.

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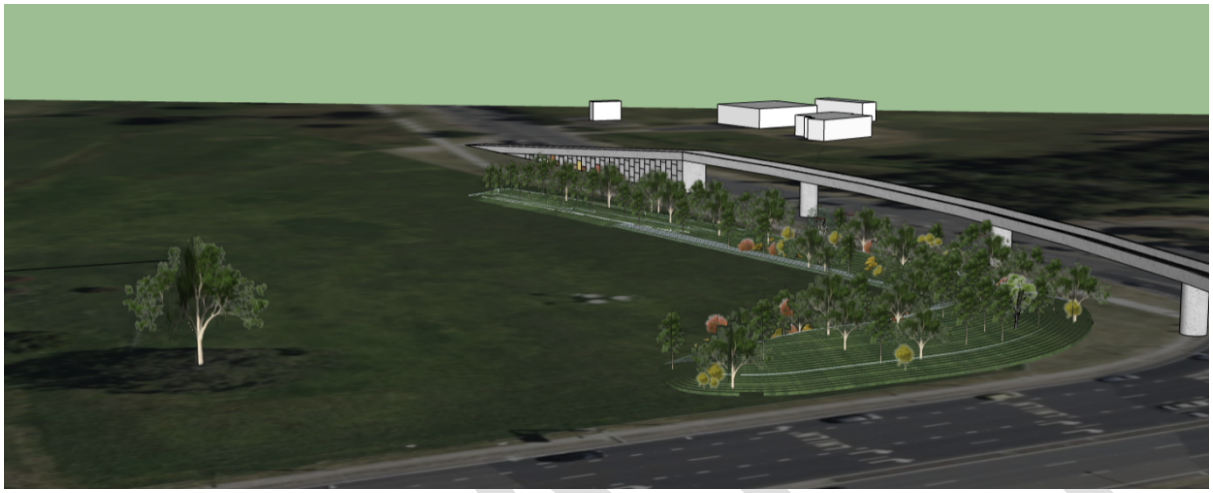
Details about the Artefact collection reburied			
Proponent	(e.g. TfNSW)		
Project name	(e.g. Richmond Road M7 to Townson Rd)		
Sites the Artefacts relate to and AHIMS reference (list)	(e.g. Sites salvaged included Richmond Road Bells Creek AFT 1 [45-5-XX] Richmond Road Bells Creek AFT 2 [45-5-XX]		
Suburb collection comes from:	e.g. Oakhurst		
LGA:	e.g. Blacktown City Council		
AHIP number the collection relates to OR If the collection relates to Code of Practice testing, which site does it relate to?	e.g. Community Collection and Archaeological salvage under AHIP 5455		
Where is the final excavation report linked to the artefact collection held?	e.g. copy submitted to AHIMS and DSMG		
Size of the collection reburied	(number of artefacts TBC)		
How large an area was used for the reburial in the Location? [The standard size in this process is 2mx2mx2m or a diameter of approximately]			
Spatial location			
Easting	**Northing**	**Zone**	**Datum**

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Attachment 2 Map of each burial location showing location of progressive artefact collections.

[This Figure tba will look like plots in a memorial garden.]

Figure needs to show the anticipated max. number of areas based on the above repat size to hold reburied artefact collections . It should show the orientation and separating buffer between the berm and each collection and how it could be set out.

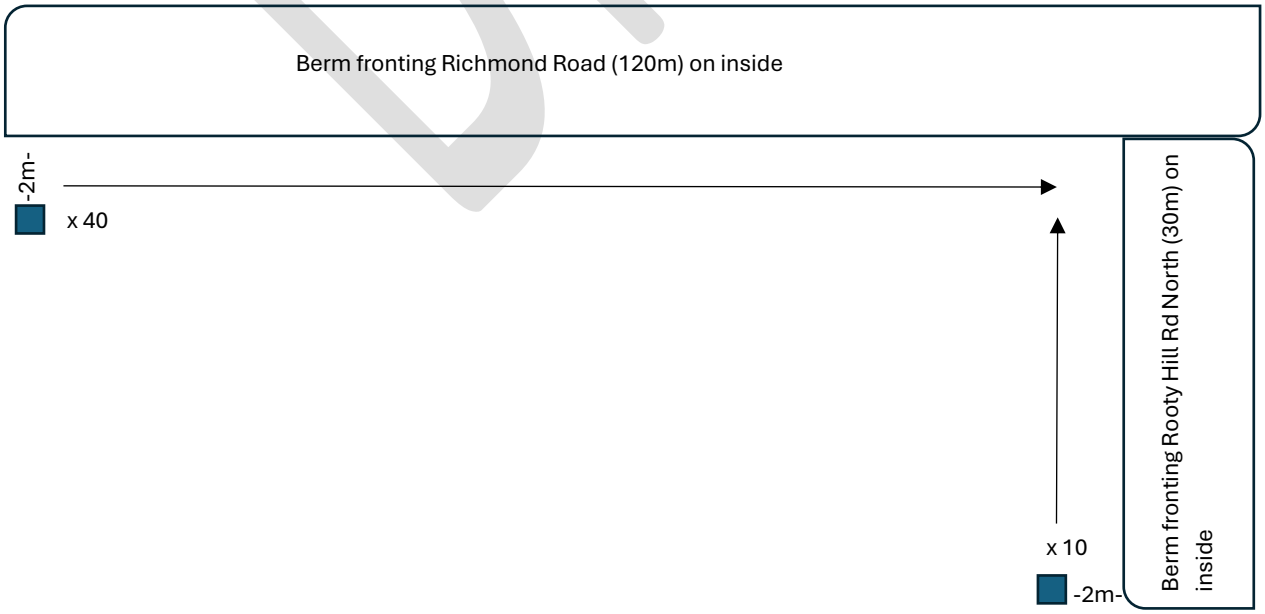


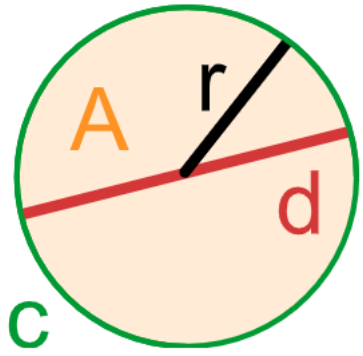
Assumption average sizes of repatriation is:

- 2m x 2m x 2m (LXWXD) assuming separation of about 1m between locations.
- This equates to 40 spaces along Richmond Road and 10 spaces along Rooty Hill Road North.
- Distance between the berm and the repat area is 2m

150m long along Richmond Road x 65m wide along Rooty Hill Road North.

This equates to 120m along Richmond Road and 30m long along Rooty Hill Road North.





Alternatively, if desired, a circular excavation could enable a diameter of 200cm. This would be an area of 628.32cm.

$c = 2\,\pi\,r = 2 \times \pi \times 100\ \text{cm} \approx 628.32\ \text{cm}$

This would allow for the following alignment of reburials, noting the number of burials should be the same, although may be harder to dig and as a result fewer reburials may be likely:



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Attachment 3 (Aboriginal Site Recording Impact Form)

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Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form

Attention: Senior Heritage Information Officer
Heritage NSW, Locked Bag 5020
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

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1 This form must be completed following impacts to AHIMS sites that are:
   a) a result of test excavation carried out in accordance with the *Code of Practice for the Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW*
   b) authorised by an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) issued by Heritage NSW
   c) undertaken for the purpose of complying with Requirements issued by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) for:
      - State Significant Development (SSD - Part 4),
      - State Significant Infrastructure (SSI - Part 5.1), or
      - A Major Project (Part 3A - now repealed) under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act),* or
   d) authorised by a SSD/SSI/Part 3A consent/approval under the EP&A Act.
2 Completed forms must be submitted to the ahims@environment.nsw.gov.au.
3 This form is intended to complement (not replace) the AHIMS Site Recording Form. Where there is a need to provide detailed information about the nature of a site, use the AHIMS Site Recording Form.
4 This form does not replace the need to submit reports to Heritagfe NSW (as a condition of an AHIP or SSD/SSI/Part 3A consent/approval) This form must be submitted in addition to any reports.

AHIMS site ID:

Site impact authorisation (select one)	**Reference numbers, dates**
☐ Archaeological Code (The impacts to this site were the result of test excavation carried out in accordance with the *Code of Practice for the Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW.*)	Date Heritage NSW was notified (under requirement 15c of the Code): Heritage NSW Regional office notified:
☐ AHIP (The impacts to this site were authorised by an AHIP.)	AHIP number: Date issued/signed: AHIMS permit ID/number:
☐ SSD/SSI/Part 3A application(The impacts to this site were undertaken for the purposes of complying with Requirements issued by the DPIE ☐ SSD/SSI/Part 3A approved project(The impacts to this site were authorised by a consent/approval under Parts 4/5.1/3A of the EP&A Act.)	Project number: Date DPE Requirements issued: or Date of project approval:

Site status following impacts:

☐ Not a site (The investigations concluded that this is not a site.)

☐ Valid site (The investigations confirmed that this is an Aboriginal site.)

☐ Partially destroyed (The site was partially destroyed following authorised impacts; a portion of the site remains in situ.)

☐ Destroyed (The site was completely destroyed following authorised impacts.)

Geographic location

Site name:

Easting: **Northing:** **Coordinates must be in GDA (MGA)**

Map sheet:

Zone: **Location method:**

Primary recorder

(The person responsible for the completion and submission of this form)

Title	Surname	First name

Organisation:

Address:

Phone: **E-mail:**

Date recorded: **Fax:**

Site information

Open/closed site:

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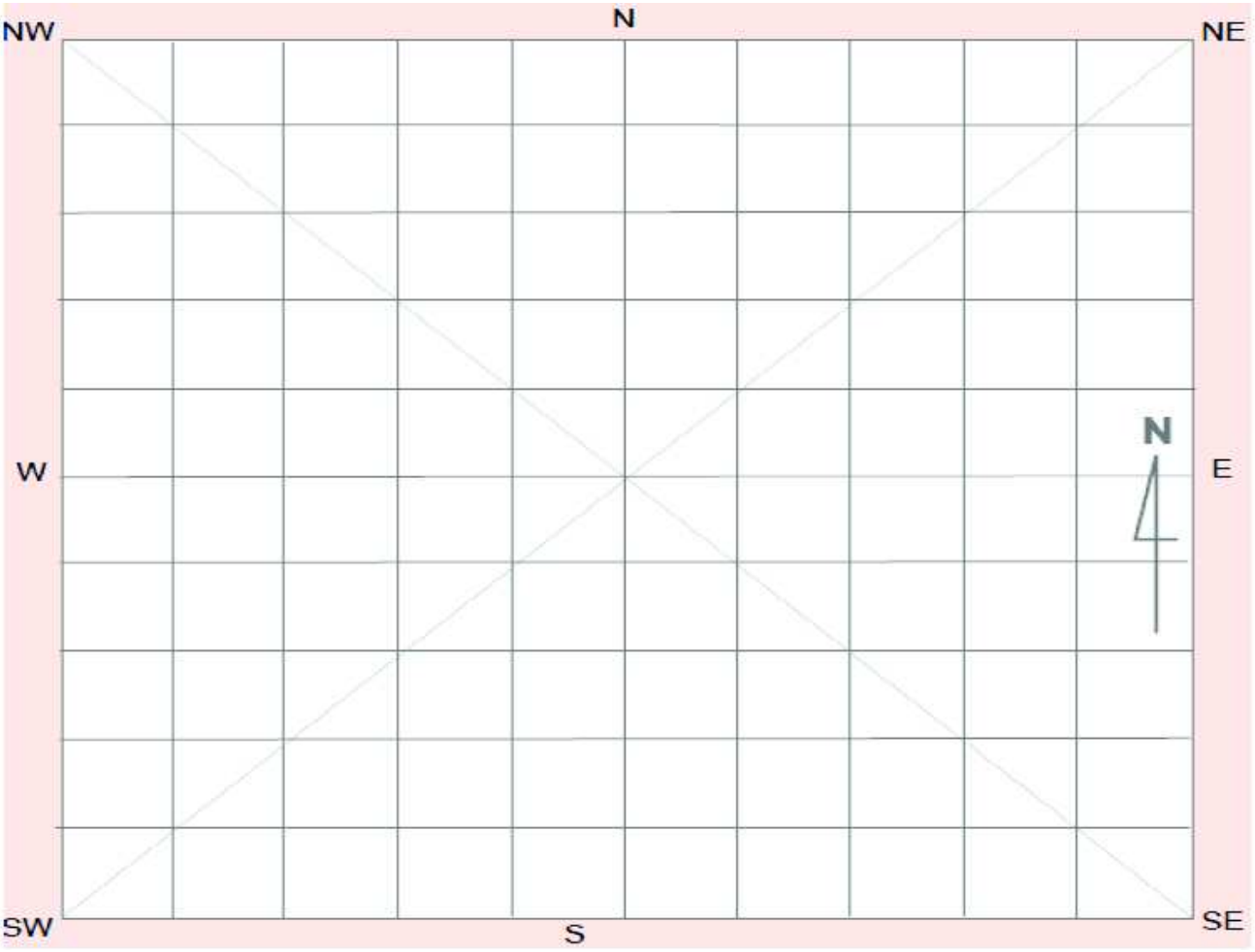
- ☐ 1. Aboriginal ceremony and dreaming
- ☐ 2. Aboriginal resource and gathering
- ☐ 3. Art
- ☐ 4. Artefact
- ☐ 5. Burial
- ☐ 6. Ceremonial ring
- ☐ 7. Conflict
- ☐ 8. Earth mound
- ☐ 9. Fish trap
- ☐ 10. Grinding groove
- ☐ 11. Habitation structure
- ☐ 12. Hearth
- ☐ 13. Non-human bone and organic material
- ☐ 14. Ochre quarry
- ☐ 15. Potential archaeological deposit
- ☐ 16. Stone quarry
- ☐ 17. Shell
- ☐ 18. Stone arrangement
- ☐ 19. Modified tree
- ☐ 20. Water hole

Site condition

Written description of the condition of the AHIMS site (including relevant features) following the authorised impact of the site

Site map

Clearly demarcate the original AHIMS site boundary, show the boundaries of impacted areas and the areas where the site remains in situ. Display map coordinates.



Methodology and results

Summary of the methodology and results of the activity or works undertaken through the authorised impacts, as relevant to the AHIMS site

Management recommendations

Summary of any management recommendations for the AHIMS site

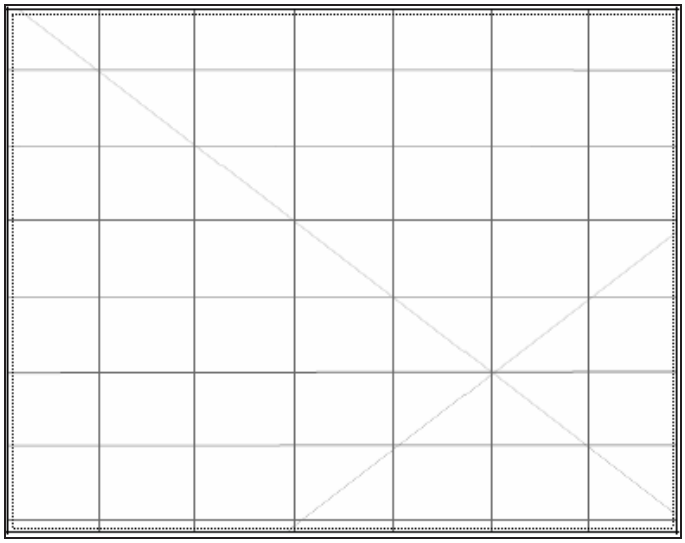
Post-investigation significance

Discuss if the scientific/archaeological or cultural significance of the site has changed in light of the results of the investigations or works conducted at the site.

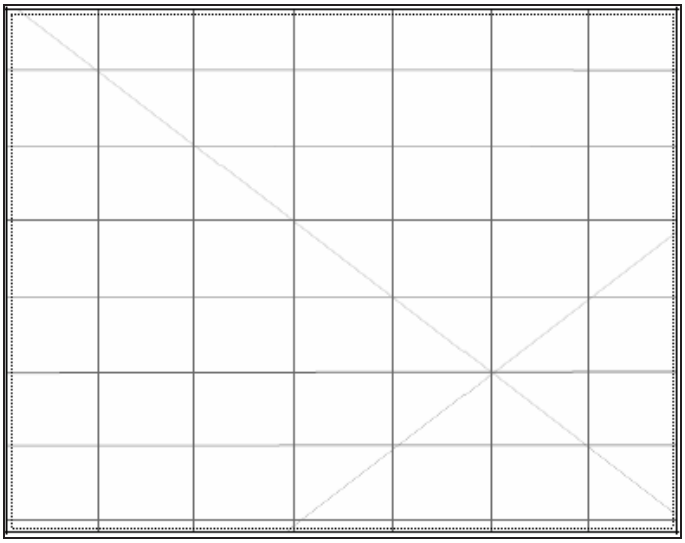
Additional comments

Site photographs

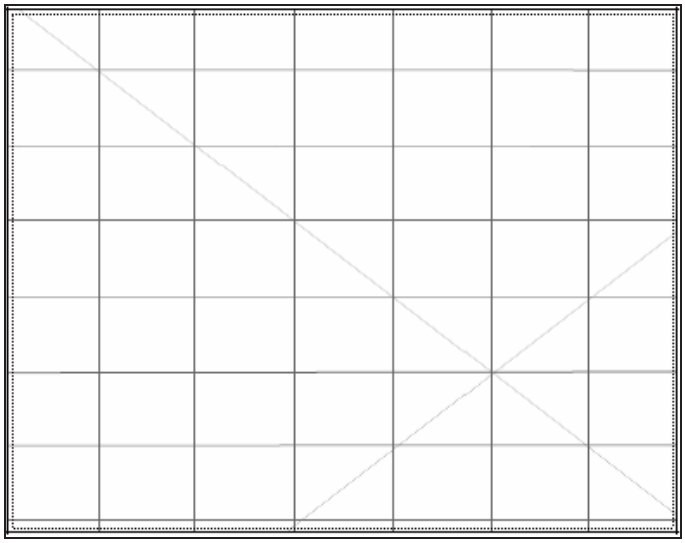
Include photographs of the authorised impacts activity, as relevant to the AHIMS site. Please keep photo size to a maximum of 200 kb.



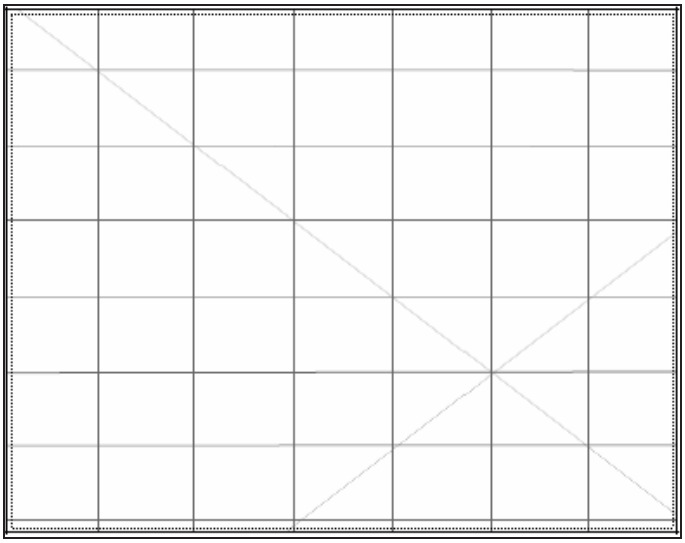
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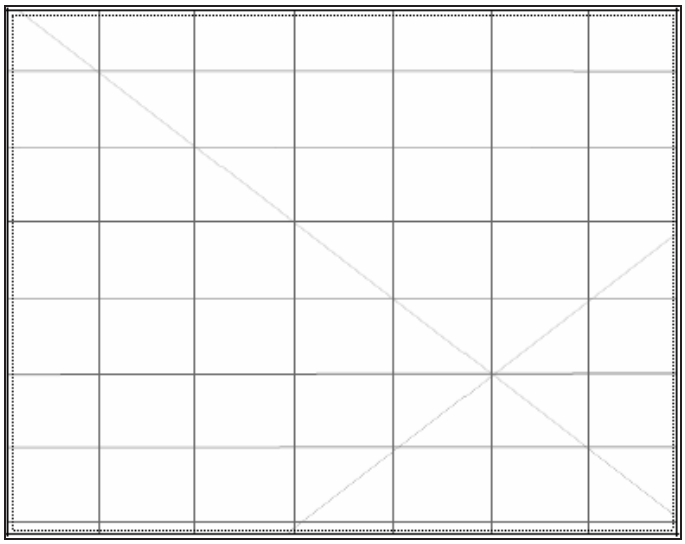
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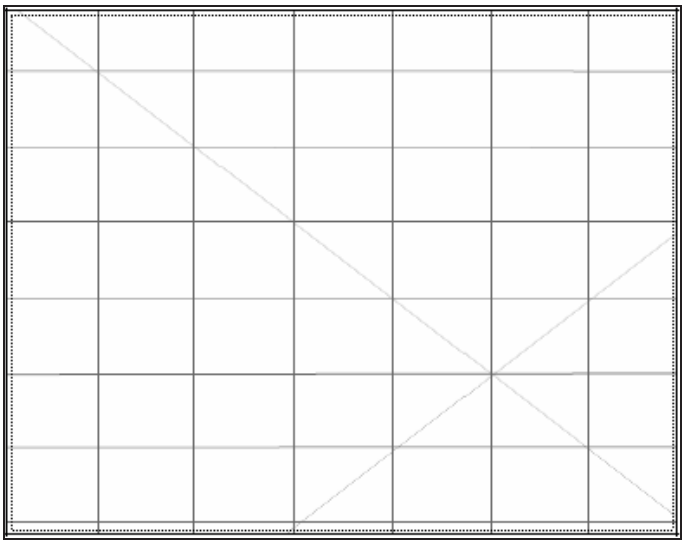
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