

# State code 13: Unexploded ordnance

## 13.1 Purpose statement

The purpose of the code is to ensure that sites identified as having **substantial unexploded ordnance (UXO)** potential are appropriately investigated and, where necessary, remediated so as to not place another part of the environment, or human health, at risk as a consequence of development.

Note: Guidance on how to demonstrate compliance with the performance outcomes of this state code is available in the Planning guidance – State code 13: Unexploded ordnance, Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, 2017.

## 13.2 Performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes

Development that is a material change of use or reconfiguring a lot on a site identified as **substantial UXO** potential should demonstrate compliance with table 13.2.1.

**Table 13.2.1: Material change of use and reconfiguring a lot**

| Performance outcomes   | Acceptable outcomes                         |
|--|---|
| <p><b>PO1</b> A contractor approved by the Commonwealth Department of Defence has certified that the area identified as having <b>UXO</b> potential has been remediated or can be managed to be suitable for the proposed use.</p> <p>Note: A UXO search can be conducted through the Australian Department of Defence located at <a href="http://www.defence.gov.au/uxo">www.defence.gov.au/uxo</a>. The Australian Department of Defence maintains a list of approved UXO consultants (D2) and contractors (F2) on the Defence Environment and Heritage Panel. Further details are located at: <a href="http://www.defence.gov.au/estatemangement/support/DEHP/WhoToEngage.asp">www.defence.gov.au/estatemangement/support/DEHP/WhoToEngage.asp</a>.</p> | <p>No acceptable outcome is prescribed.</p> |

## 13.3 Reference documents

Australian Government, Department of Defence, [Unexploded Ordnance in Australia](#)

Note: The Australian Department of Defence will provide advice on the hazards associated with **UXO** to all Commonwealth, state and local government authorities and private organisations or individuals who request it. Defence is actively engaged in identifying areas where **UXO** are likely to be present. Members of the public can assist in this process. If you have any information that may be of assistance please contact [UXO@defence.gov.au](mailto:UXO@defence.gov.au).

Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning 2017, [Planning guidance – State code 13: Unexploded ordnance](#)

## 13.4 Glossary of terms

**DA mapping system** means the mapping system containing the Geographic Information System mapping layers kept, prepared or sourced by the state that relate to development assessment and matters of interest to the state in assessing development applications.

Note: The **DA mapping system** is available on the department's website.

**Substantial unexploded ordnance (UXO)** means a site identified as having substantial UXO potential on the **DA mapping system**.

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## 13.5 Abbreviations

**UXO** – Unexploded ordnance