

DENBIGH

Early rural landscape at Cobbitty near Camden, NSW

CLIENT

Private Owners

DURATION

2003 - 2004, 2008

DESCRIPTION

CURTILAGE STUDY & CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN



The Denbigh property with its very early homestead, outbuildings and setting has long been considered one of the more significant rural places in the Camden Area. With the present rapid urban expansion of Sydney into previously unaltered and early rural landscapes, there has been much concern by various councils, the National Trust and the NSW Heritage Council that this expansion be managed in a way which reduces negative impacts on significant places including on their curtilages.

In 2003, the NSW Government announced that it was planning to release rural land for urban development in the Bringelly area, the southern part of which includes the Denbigh estate.

The owners of Denbigh initially commissioned Design 5 to undertake an assessment of the curtilage of the property. The purpose of the study was to define those areas of the property essential to Denbigh's significance, and then to define those areas which could be alienated for urban development.

The estate was subsequently listed on the NSW State Heritage Register. Design 5 was then commissioned to prepare a CMP for this state significant place.

Relevant consultants were engaged by Design 5 to assist with the identification and assessment of significant Aboriginal archaeology, European historical significance and cultural landscape aesthetic significance. Many of the findings were graphically presented in a series of maps.

Design 5 is now involved with the Master Plan which responds directly to this Curtilage Study and CMP.

