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Preparatory to the laying of the natural gas pipeline from Moomba to Sydney, a survey of Aboriginal sites along the route was called for. In an initial survey, I covered the western portion in two to three weeks in August, 1973, but a resulting awareness of the magnitude and potential of the venture, coupled with a delay in engineering work, led to a more thorough survey by Rosemary Buchan between November 1974 and April 1975. In both surveys, sites were recorded, worked stone collected, potential for further research noted and the pipeline authority alerted