

# Site reading with your AI

On Claude, ChatGPT or Gemini · both tools

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Your AI doesn't run the tools: its code sandbox may not reach the data services. What it does well is help you write your style card and work through your register, one row at a time.

## YOU NEED

- Any plan, including free.
- The instructions for your tool from [aia-site-reading.pages.dev](https://aia-site-reading.pages.dev): `INSTRUCTIONS-overlay.md` or `INSTRUCTIONS-open.md`. Plus the tool's read-me and style card template.
- Your register CSV, once you've run the tool.

## Set up once

- 1 Open your tool's instructions file and copy everything below the line.
- 2 **Claude:** Projects › New project. Paste into the project's instructions. Add the read-me and the style card template to the project's knowledge. (Free accounts can have five projects.)
- 3 **ChatGPT:** Projects › New project. Paste into the project's instructions and add the same files.
- 4 **Gemini:** Gems › New Gem. Paste into Instructions and add the files under **Knowledge › Add files**. Save.

## Use it

- 1 Before your first run: *Help me write my style card*. It asks one question at a time and hands back a complete card.
- 2 After your run: attach the register and say *Walk me through my register*. It starts with your site, tells you where to check each fact, and never fills a verdict for you.
- 3 When you've checked something, tell it what you found. It drafts the note; you choose the verdict.

- 4 For image generation: *Write a prompt to restyle my exploded drawing*, and attach `prompt_suffix.txt`. It adds your style card word for word.

#### IF IT DOESN'T WORK

- **It states a height, zone or heritage listing as fact:** it has broken its instructions. Ask *Where did you check that?* and go to the source in the register instead.
- **It fills in the verdict column:** delete those verdicts. Only you can check them.

#### BEFORE YOU RELY ON IT

Neither tool is a survey, a planning certificate or planning advice. **An empty layer does not mean the site is clear.** For example, most Sydney councils publish no flood map on the Planning Portal, and the register says so. Title, easements, the DCP and the section 10.7 certificate are always yours to check.

Questions go to office hours, straight after class.