

Appendix J

Aboriginal heritage clearance letter

08/11/2012

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Preliminary assessment results: Mt Victoria Village Safety Works Great Western Highway Based on Stage 1 of the *Procedure, for Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation and investigation (PACHCI)*.

The project, as described in the Stage 1 assessment checklist (see attached) was assessed as being unlikely to have an impact on Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The assessment is based on the following due diligence considerations:

- The project is unlikely to harm known Aboriginal objects or places.
- The AHIMS search did not indicate moderate to high concentrations of Aboriginal objects or places in the study area.
- The cultural heritage potential of the study area appears to be reduced due to past disturbance.
- A PACHCI Stage 1 site visit was conducted and assessed on the 7/11/2012 by myself, Leona Wade and Jarryd Barton SKM

Your project may proceed in accordance with the environmental impact assessment process, as relevant, and all other relevant approvals.

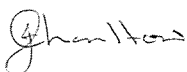
Please Note:

If the scope of your project changes, such as design, drainage and utilities positions, stock pile and compound sites, you must contact me and your regional environmental staff, Leona Wade, Ph: 02 8849 2940 to reassess any potential impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage.

If any potential Aboriginal objects (including skeletal remains) are discovered during the course of the project, all works in the vicinity of the find must cease. Follow the steps outlined in the Roads and Maritime Services' *Unexpected Archaeological Finds Procedure*.

If you require any further assistance in this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on Ph: 02 68611658

Regards



Jeff Charlton
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor – Western Region

Roads and Maritime Services

Stage 1 Roads and Maritime Services assessment

Procedure for Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation and investigation: Resource 3

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The project manager (or their representative) must provide the information requested in this checklist to the regional Aboriginal cultural heritage adviser. This information will assist them in determining whether the project may affect Aboriginal cultural heritage in accordance with Stage 1 of the procedure.

Please **provide** this completed cover sheet, along with the required information, to your regional Aboriginal cultural heritage adviser.

Contact details for this project

Name of project: Mt Victoria Village Safety Works Great Western Highway

WBS Number: D/00407/4/D

Project Manager: Chris Barnett

Contacts:

Environmental officer undertaking/managing the environmental impact assessment. Leona Wade.

Corporate communications officer, if any APRIL GUISE

Date: 05/11/2012

Action	Status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Item 1 Attach an overview of the project. The overview must include the known scope and extent of the proposed works; compound site requirements; access and movement of plant; re-location and/or provision of utilities; the location of noise walls, sedimentation basins, shared pathways, cycle ways, etc...</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Item 2 Attach a map/plan of the study area that clearly outlines the extent and scope of the project. The map/plan should also include topographical information where available.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Item 3 If land acquisition is required, provide details about this.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Small parcels of Land will be required See Chris Hall (Parkes)</p>
<p>Item 4 Attach a brief description of current and past land use, where known. For example, the study area land is currently used as a car park/road reserve/farming/etc. and was formally used for a car park/road reserve/farming/etc...</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Existing Highway & Footpath</p>
<p>Item 5 Describe the timeframe for the project along with key milestones and deliverables.</p>	<p>2013</p>
<p>Item 6 Please attach the results of the Office of Environment and Heritage's Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) Basic Search - http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/licences/WhatInformationCanYouObtainFromAHIMS.htm If required, please include the results of an AHIMS Extensive Search. These results should be plotted on a map/plan covering the study area.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7 site recorded Out side scope of project Extensive Search over laid on project map</p>
<p>Item 7 Attach the results of the following heritage searches relevant to the study area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native Title Register search • State Heritage Inventory search • Australian Heritage Database search 	<p style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NC1997/007 NSD6060/98</p>
<p>Item 8 Attach a copy of any heritage assessment (Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal) previously prepared for the study area/project?</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>Item 9 Attach a copy of any environmental impact assessment previously prepared for the study area/project?</p>	<p>Nil</p>



18/07/2013

Leona WADE
Environmental Officer
Level 5, 27-31 Argyle Street
PARRAMATTA, NSW 2150

Dear Leona,

Preliminary assessment results for the Mt Victoria Safety Upgrade proposal June 2013 based on Stage 1 of the *Procedure for Aboriginal cultural heritage consultation and investigation* (the procedure).

Following our PACHCI stage 1 site visit today 18/07/2013, the assessment has identified that the Safety upgrade works would be unlikely to cause "harm" to any known Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The assessment is based on the following due diligence considerations:

- The project is unlikely to harm known Aboriginal objects or places.
- The AHIMS search did not identify any Aboriginal objects or places in the study area.
- The study area does not contain landscape features that indicate the presence of Aboriginal objects, based on the Office of Environment and Heritage's *Due diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal objects in NSW* and the Roads and Maritime Services' procedure.
- The cultural heritage potential of the study area appears to be reduced due to past disturbance.
- Ancillary sites were not required for these works.

Your project may proceed noting that we do so with caution around the sandstone outcrops to the west by utilising existing tracks and in accordance with the environmental impact assessment process, as relevant, and all other relevant approvals.

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For further assistance in this matter do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely


Clive Freeman

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer– Sydney

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